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Five die in day of 'loyalist' terror attacks in Ulster

In a wave of "loyalist" violence in Northern Ireland yesterday five people were killed and at least 16 injured in shootings and bombings. Most of those attacked were Roman Catholics. The worst incident was an attack on a drink bottling company in Belfast where a man and two sisters were shot dead.

Violent retaliation to IRA campaign

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Five people were killed and at least 16 were injured as violence returned to the streets of Northern Ireland yesterday with random bombing and shooting attacks.

Most of those killed or hurt were Roman Catholics, ranging from a girl, aged three, hit in the face by flying glass, to a woman, aged 88, trapped for an hour under rubble when a bomb wrecked her small terrace house in the Lower Falls district of Belfast.

Although no organization immediately claimed responsibility, it is believed that most of the attacks were the work of militant "loyalists" replying to last week's devastating 24-hour bomb blitz carried out by the Provisional IRA.

Protestant retaliation had been widely expected since the Provisional IRA returned to bombing civilian targets on a province-wide scale. In the past 10 days the terrorist organization has been responsible for about 30 explosions ordered in revenge for alleged Army and police harassment.

Yesterday's murders brought to 179 the number of people who have lost their lives in Northern Ireland through violence this year.

The most savage of yesterday's incidents took place shortly after 10 am, when gunmen burst into the offices of a drink bottling company near the centre of Belfast. Three members of the staff were killed.

Details of the murders were still sketchy last night because the only witness was lying in a hospital bed with severe gunshot wounds. The man ran from the shop with blood gushing from a wound in the neck and his life was probably saved when a motorist took him to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

His arrival there was the first the police had heard of the attack. When they went to the offices they found Mr Gerard Gregan, a young storekeeper, dead on the ground floor.

After breaking the lock on an upstairs office door they found two married sisters dying in a pool of blood. Mrs Maire McGrattan and Mrs Frances Donnelly were daughters of the company's owner. They died later from gunshot wounds in their heads. All those murdered were Roman Catholics.

Other targets for the "loyalist" terrorists included a small tweed factory on the north Antrim coast, a newsagent's shop in the Ardoyne district of Belfast, a bar used by members of the official IRA and a Catholic-owned photographic shop.

One man who died was a Protestant, Mr Ronald Winters. He was the owner of a Belfast bar frequented by militant loyalists and he was shot when he answered the door of his father's house in the east of the city.

The first bullet wounded Mr Winters as he stood in the hall. Members of his family said he staggered into the kitchen in an effort to escape, but the gunman followed him and shot him through the head as he lay on the floor, then escaped.

Two hours later gunmen used a bomb and guns in an attack on the Bush, a public house on the corner of Leeson Street, a republican stronghold. The bomb trapped an elderly woman in the rubble of her wrecked house.

The woman, Mrs Betty Conway, aged 88, had come out of the bedroom towards her front door after hearing the explosion near by. The building collapsed around her and for more than an hour, she was trapped, fully conscious, by her foot in half a ton of rubble.

Men from the emergency services worked patiently on the delicate task of freeing her and eventually succeeded. She was taken to hospital.

Later in the afternoon the bombers struck again, destroying a Catholic-owned photography shop in the city's Antrim Road. The shop is a few hundred yards from the home of Mr Gerard Firt, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

One man was killed by the bomb, which was planted without warning. As troops blocked off roads around the scene of the explosion, firemen and soldiers working in heavy rain dug into the piles of brick and timber and rescued a woman who was taken to hospital. Her condition was said to be fair.

The Provisional IRA's campaign of violence in Northern Ireland and on the British mainland was criticized by Mr Liam Cosgrave, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic.

Speaking at a police ceremony in co Tipperary, he said that the violence had revolted Irishmen everywhere and had been carried out in flagrant disregard of the views of the majority. "The community has time and again at the ballot box expressed its repugnance and its desire to be let alone and to live in peace", he said.

In a northern suburb of Dublin yesterday morning a man was seriously injured in a murder attempt. Mr Billy Wright, a former Irish lightweight boxing champion, was shot four times in a barber's shop and last night his condition was said to be critical.

Detectives believed the motive for the attack may have been political.

Labour Party tries to restore an appearance of solidarity

From Michael Hatfield
Political Staff
Blackpool

The Labour Party was desperately attempting yesterday to restore the fabric of solidarity after the extraordinary outbursts on Wednesday night at a meeting organized by the left-wing *Tribune* weekly newspaper.

The confrontation, involving Mr Ian Mikardo, undesignated convener of the militant left, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, reveals not a split between the Government and unions but a fundamental disagreement inside the left wing over its attitude to government policies.

Cabinet ministers were taking some comfort from that fact.

Mr Wilson said in a BBC television interview last night that he did not think any harm had been done to the Labour Party by the clash between Mr Foot and Mr Mikardo.

The anxiety of the party leadership at the turn of events became apparent in an impassioned speech to the conference today by Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party, who levelled criticisms at both left and right inside the party.

He also rounded on some Labour MPs who, under the liberal whipping rules at Westminster, have formed groups within the Parliamentary Labour Party. He said: "We did not send you there to the House of Commons to split up into groups. The rank and file sent you there to do a job, to keep a Labour Government in. That is what we sent you there for."

In a none-too-oblique reference to Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, he told applauding delegates: "If any one of you, with the membership of your general management committee of some 50 people, cannot keep 26 of them on your side, you ought to find out where the lines of communication broke down".

Mr Hayward also offered a rebuke to those national executive members who issued a statement dissociating themselves from part of Mr Wilson's speech on extreme elements inside the party. He commented: "And this national executive committee will not be diverted from carrying out its constitutional position by any round robins, whoever signs them, even before a constituency party has had the right to look at it. There are too many round robins. We can't even make a speech without 10 minutes later, we have a round robin disagreeing with it."

In a direct rebuke aimed at the events at the *Tribune* meeting, he said: "We all agreed, did we not, we would conduct our business by majority decisions taken at this conference and not at fringe meetings outside."

Senior politicians and trade union leaders were exercised yesterday in a general inquest on remarks made by Mr Mikardo, in which he accused the TUC of giving in to government pressure over the £6 a week wage limit. The view of most was that Mr Mikardo had not only been mischievous but had behaved as a wrecker.

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Photograph by Fred Shepherd

Mr Mikardo on the Labour conference platform yesterday.

Pledge of revenge at emotional Madrid funeral of policemen

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 2

The danger of an escalation of political violence in Spain was emphasized today when a bemedalled Falangist promised at the funeral of three murdered policemen to avenge their deaths.

The burly blue-shirted man shouldered his way through mourners at the closely guarded police academy on the outskirts of Madrid, stopped in front of Señor Carlos Arias Navarro, the Prime Minister, and insisted on permission to speak. The Prime Minister, accompanied by the rest of the Cabinet, yielded to his request.

Then, standing over the plain grey coffins which bore the numbers one, two and three, the unidentified Falangist said: "For God and for Spain, comrades slain by terrorist assassins: in the name of the Falange, which will avenge your deaths some day, I deposit these five symbolic roses." He scattered five red roses, a symbol of fallen Falangists and particularly of the Fascist-rooted movement's founder, Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, who was executed shortly after the Spanish Civil War began.

No member of the Government spoke. Mourners, a great many of them plainclothes policemen who are members of the so-called parallel police themselves, jostled uniformed men as the coffins were carried out of the police academy. Shouting "Revenge, revenge", they attempted to seize the coffins and carry them on their own shoulders.

Angry shouts, including some accusing General Franco's Government of being too soft on political activists, were heard. Other spectators chanted, "Justice yes, pardon no" and "We want justice". A voice booming out from the public address system at the academy drowned most of the shouts and barked orders for uniformed policemen not to break ranks.

Reports from Barcelona said that police and police sympathizers demonstrated there yesterday after the funeral of another policeman who was killed by gunmen during a robbery on Monday. Secret police there managed to grab the coffin away from their uniformed comrades in the courtyard of the police barracks where the funeral services were held. About 500 plainclothes political police took part in the noisy cortège shouting angry slogans. Barcelona police claim that they have established the identity of the gang which killed a policeman on July 14. The suspects, still at large, include four brothers, two young women and another man. They are said to belong to the Maoist movement known as FRAP, the organization suspected in the killing of the three Madrid police.

In Madrid, about 50 people were taken into custody at a church on Wednesday night after police had acted on an unconfirmed report that they might be attending a Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of the five executed activists.

In another indication of fears that the situation might get out of hand, the authorities at the national police headquarters in Madrid are reported to have told at least six members of the extreme right-wing Warriors for Christ the King to turn in their pistols last night. This information was not made public. It is not known how many other right-wing activists are armed.

Police in Santander said, according to Spanish news agency reports, that the two football players arrested last weekend for wearing black armbands during a match, may be held for trial under the anti-terrorist decree. Police suspect that they wore the armbands as a sign of mourning for those executed.

A fine of 100,000 pesetas (£800) has been imposed on Señor Enrique Ruiz Capillas, a lawyer for one of the executed men because he applauded in the courtroom as his client boldly defended the interests of the Basque people when called upon to speak in his own defence.

The press continues to suffer. The latest publication to be seized or suspended by Government order is the monarchist weekly magazine *Blanco y Negro*.

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The greater yellowlegs

Rare birds 'invade' Britain

By a Staff Reporter

The recent stormy end to the summer, with depressions drifting towards Britain from America, has brought an unusually large annual influx of birds rarely seen in this country.

One striking invasion has been by the buff-breasted sandpiper, one or two of which often arrive on the west coast in autumn, but which this year is believed to have 50 representatives all over Britain, even on the east coast.

A much rarer visitor, the Kildare plover, has made its nineteenth known visit to Britain, and was to be found on a Leicestershire reservior this week. An unfamiliar woodpecker which appeared in the Isles of Scilly last week has now been positively identified as a yellow-bellied sapsucker.

The mundanely named but rare black and white warbler has arrived in the Scillies and at the other end of Britain the Tennessee warbler has been reported from Fair Isle, where the upland plover has also been seen.

Perhaps the most spectacular looking of the current visitors is the greater yellowlegs, a large American wader which has been feeding near Great Yarmouth.

Other reported arrivals include laughing gull, a black-billed cuckoo at Redcar, Teesside, a boboliuk in Shetland and a towhee at Spurn.

Some of the warblers are thought to have been blown off their normal north-south migration course by the winds, to have taken shelter on ships, and then flown inland here in search of food.

Police calm nervous gunmen in siege

By a Staff Reporter

Some playing cards and a large quantity of coffee and cigarettes were supplied to the three gunmen and their six Italian hostages yesterday, the fifth day of the Spaghetti House siege in Knightsbridge, London.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Wilford Gibson said that in the morning there had been some tension and arguments among the gunmen, but that, he added, was quite normal.

"When one man has to stay awake to keep guard, he gets a little jumpy", he said. "When he wakes his colleagues they, too, seem to get jumpy. When this happens, one of the senior officers involved goes out and manages to calm things."

Signor Mario Manca, the Italian Consul-General, visited the restaurant again and spoke to the hostages for about 30 minutes.

Geller offer: Mr Uri Geller, the Israeli, said yesterday he could end the siege by telepathy (the Press Association reports). He said Scotland Yard had been contacted on his behalf.

Libya bans 520 oilmen from leaving country

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Libya banned any of Occidental Petroleum's 529 expatriate employees and their wives and children from leaving the country as another dispute broke out between the company and the Government yesterday.

Supplies of crude oil from Occidental's Zueitina terminal also have been suspended. The company said the action against the employees and their families, 230 of whom are Americans, was "unprecedented" in a commercial dispute.

The suspension of oil supplies and the action against Occidental's staff is apparently in retaliation for notices of arbitration filed against the Government by the company last month. The company alleged there had been continuous breaches by the Libyan Government of its oil concession agreements and its exploration and production sharing agreement.

Relations between Occidental and the Libyan Government deteriorated rapidly at the beginning of September when without warning the American-based company was ordered to reduce its output of oil.

In the two previous months the Libyan Government had encouraged all the companies in Libya to expand their output by cutting the export price. Occidental increased its output to 521,000 barrels a day which was subsequently reduced to 210,000 barrels daily from September 1.

Occidental said last night that it had tried to settle the dispute amicably but so far without success. Instead of responding to the notices of arbitration, the Libyan Government had tried to retract its receipt of the notices.

It added: "Occidental is taking immediate steps to bring the notice of this restriction on the exit of American citizens to the appropriate branches of the United States Government and is exploring other possibilities to have this restriction on the expatriate men, women and children terminated.

"Pending an amicable settlement, Occidental is preparing to relocate these expatriate citizens in another country so they may not be held as hostage."

According to the company, Libya also has threatened concerted action against Occidental by other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and has demanded that Occidental "pay to it all amounts owing to it or to its agency in excess of the book value of Occidental's investment in Libya which is approximately $272m. (£136m)."

Occidental said it intended to claim damages from the Libyans for more than $1,000m in the arbitration.

Full Crossman diaries publication held up for appeal decision

The Sunday Times cannot publish any new material from the Crossman diaries next Sunday, despite the High Court decision in their favour on Wednesday.

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday granted Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, an injunction against *Times Newspapers* preserving the status quo for eight days.

Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, for the Attorney General, asked for a temporary ban on the publication of previously unpublished Crossman material to give the Attorney General time to decide whether to appeal against the decision.

Mr Slynn said that when extracts of volume one of the late Mr Richard Crossman's *Diaries of a Cabinet Minister* were originally published in *The Sunday Times*, some parts were cut out on the advice of Sir John Hunt, the Cabinet Secretary.

"It would be wrong if, during the period between yesterday's judgment and a decision on whether or not to appeal, that material or any comment on it should be published", Mr Slynn said.

Mr Slynn asked for an injunction for 10 days against Times Newspapers only. He said the book publishers, Jonathan Cape and Hamish Hamilton, had given an undertaking not to publish anything that might prejudice an appeal or its outcome.

He said that if the Attorney General decided to appeal the case, it would probably open on November 10, but it might be heard a week or two earlier.

Mr James Comyn, QC, for Times Newspapers, opposed the injunction. "I say that we should proceed on the basis that your Lordship's judgment is right", he told Lord Widgery. "I would ask you to leave it to the good sense and judgment of *The Sunday Times* to decide what to publish. They know that the repercussions could be grave."

Mr Comyn said that if the judge rejected his argument the injunction should be for only seven or eight days because 10 days would cover two Sundays.

Lord Widgery said: "I have no doubt that I should preserve the status quo for a reasonable period while the Attorney General makes up his mind. I will embargo publication for eight days with a view to the matter being raised in the Court of Appeal if an injunction is needed to cover the next publication day."

300,000 Leyland vehicles recalled

British Leyland said yesterday that 300,000 Allegro and Marina vehicles sold since March 31, 1974, were being called back to dealers for safety checks.

The checks, on the front brake hoses, were ordered because of abnormal deterioration in a few high milage vehicles driven under arduous conditions.

French officials fail to cope with computers

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 2

Since 1971 the French state social security organization has spent more than 200m francs (nearly £22m) on an elaborate computer system, which last year was handling 1½ per cent of its billing and control operations and was responsible for 45 per cent of errors.

An official report ordered by the Ministries of Finance and Labour says that of the 26 computers due for installation by the end of 1974 only 15 were functioning.

Moreover many doctors would have to pay taxes based on fancy assessments arising from an incompetent use of computerization, according to Dr Bernard Savy, chairman of the National Union for the Future of Medicine, which compiled the report.

"The present situation", he told a press conference, "is due to poor preparation of a difficult operation entrusted to administrators of the social security organization, embarked on a task which exceeded their competence". The failure lay not in the machines but in the officials who did not know how to use them, Dr Savy added.

The social security system looks after pensions, health insurance and medical expenses and has an annual budget of about £25,000m. M Prieur, its director, has replied that accusations should not be based on a single report.

Sir Keith says unity on basic aims essential

Sir Keith Joseph, the Conservative Party's leading theoretician, believes that politicians must agree on basic objectives, if the country is to recover from its malaise, and that those objectives should be freedom and prosperity, with the quest for equality only secondary. He argues that governments, by encouraging inflationary and dispensing subsidies, bear a greater responsibility for Britain's poor economic performance than management or unions.
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More protection for consumer urged

More protection for consumers from the "small print" in contracts which limits their legal rights is proposed in a report published yesterday. The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission say that in a number of types of consumer transaction such exemption clauses operate against the public interest, for often the consumer is ignorant of it, or of its importance
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Harland chief resigns

The resignation of Lord Rochdale as chairman of Harland and Wolff was announced yesterday. At the same time unions and management at the ailing Belfast shipyard were told by Mr Stanley Orme, Minister of State, that "substantial improvements" in productivity must be achieved by Christmas
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Pilot exposes gap in Hirohito security

As President Ford was giving Emperor Hirohito a red carpet welcome on the White House lawns, a small aircraft hove in sight hauling a sign appealing to the Japanese monarch to "save our whales". The assembled top brass and brass bands treated the ensuing security flurry with an oriental calm
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New Gandhi defence

Mr A. K. Sen, chief counsel for Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, told the Supreme Court in Delhi that the concept of free and fair election could not be considered part of the basic structure of India's constitution. He said fair and free election was an abstract concept, governed by statutes, and courts could only decide if elections were conducted legally
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Lobster war threat

Sardinian fishermen complain that the French authorities are harassing them in the Strait of Bonifacio which divides Sardinia from Corsica and is famous for its lobster beds. They maintain that the French have extended their territorial waters from three to 12 miles, leaving them with a very restricted area while the Corsicans have almost unlimited fishing grounds in the strait
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Fleet St tries EEC

The Newspaper Publishers Association is expected to submit a request to the European Community for financial aid in the form of retraining grants to help it over its present economic difficulties. It is regarded as a test case for other newspapers
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Soviet trade offer

Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, said in Moscow in an interview with Mr Sargent Shriver, an aspirant for the United States presidency, that the Soviet Union would welcome long-term agreements for the purchase of American grain and the sale of Russian oil to the United States. He confirmed that the Soviet Union would fully support the inviolability of Israel's frontiers and would guarantee Israel's integrity on two conditions.
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Disposal of nuclear wastes at sea under reexamination

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The disposal of some of the most hazardous radioactive waste from nuclear power stations by dumping it in deep ocean trenches and natural geological canyons is under reexamination, Sir John Hill, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, said yesterday.

He explained reasons for reconsidering the scheme at a press conference at which he welcomed a restart of the nuclear power programme. That referred to the decision after four years of controversy to adopt the authority's steam generating heavy water reactor in preference to an American design for the next nuclear power stations.

Sir John said that development, and the decision to maintain work on the fast-breeder reactor for the power stations beyond the year 2000, as well as the recognition given to safety and protection of the environment, meant that the resources of the authority were tightly stretched.

"We are devoting increasing effort to research and development programmes relating to the storage and disposal of radioactive waste. Processes are being developed with the protection of the environment rather than the reduction in operating cost being the principal incentive for the improvement.

"By these means, it will be possible to run much larger nuclear programmes without a corresponding increase in discharges to the environment or exposure of the population."

Studies of dumping waste in the ocean or natural geological caverns are being carried out at Harwell. Dr Walter Marshall, a member of the Atomic Energy Authority, director of Harwell, and chief scientist to the Department of Energy, said the work on disposal was to discover where suitable ocean trenches and geological strata were.

He identified the main source of radioactive waste as that from the reprocessing plants that take fuel from nuclear reactors. The waste is a mixture of products, some remaining dangerous for several hundred years and others for a million years.

Dr Marshall suggested that the shorter-term dangerous waste might be combined into glass for disposal. Provided there was no evidence that an escape could happen, such as leaching-out, then that method of disposal seemed a good way. The longest-lived products presented great difficulties.

Sir John said: "We are not at the present time actively considering dumping highly active waste. We are looking at what might be done with safety in the future."

Councils are warned on 'wildly' raising rates

From Christopher Warman, Brighton

Local government is on trial to prove to the government that it is cutting spending in line with the economic needs of the country, Mr W. S. Page, city treasurer of Birmingham, declared yesterday. If councils succeeded in that task, Mr Page believed that the Government would assist them if necessary to keep the rates down next year, perhaps by increasing the level of grants.

He told delegates to the conference of the Rating & Valuation Association that in the light of the £6 pay increase limit he expected the Government to push local authorities hard to ensure that they kept their spending to a level within the guidelines of the £6 limit. If councils could cut back their real expenditure to "nil growth" then only would they be dealing then with inflation. The £6 limit represented roughly a one-tenth increase, and Mr Page thought that that is what the Government would be hoping for in rate increases.

Mr Page, a financial adviser to the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said that incomes policies had recently become much more important to the rate support grant settlement. "If the Government manage to keep the £6 limit policy going could they tolerate rate increases wildly out of line with this limit?" he asked. He said it was a political judgment.

Local authority treasurers form a large part of the delegates to the conference. At the present time they are busy redoing their sums, with only seven weeks to go before the Government announces its rate support grant settlement for next year.

They are hoping that they have allowed for enough inflation during the current year, and well remember that in 1974-75 they got their fingers burnt when they adopted the Government's guidance to allow for 9 per cent inflation. The result was that some councils may have overestimated the inflation level for 1975-76 to be on the safe side, in which case they can carry forward any surplus to next year. Those authorities who underestimated inflation for the current year face bleak decisions

With this background Mr Page told the delegates: "If we do not play ball I think we are inviting some physical control of our revenue spending by the Government."

Provided local authorities kept their expenditure within the limits, then if inflation proved higher than edicted it was possible that the Government's rate support grant level might be increased above its present 66.5 per cent to keep rate increases to a tolerable level.

Glasgow rents increase: Mr Baillie Richard Dynes, chairman of the policy and resources committee of Glasgow District Council and leader of its controlling Labour group, said last night that he was "absolutely delighted". the council had unanimously approved a motion by him that city council house rents be increased in two stages, by 55p next December and by a further 60p a year later our Glasgow correspondent writes). That entitles the council to qualify for the rent limitation subsidy of £3.5m, and reverses the council's decision a fortnight ago not to put up the rents.

Students still finding accommodation scarce

Most universities are coping with makeshift arrangements

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Michael, a student, has been sleeping rough on an old door for the past few nights at the back of a house in Cardiff. He is one of the few victims so far of this year's accommodation shortage at universities and colleges.

But next week many more students may be in difficulties as the university term gets under way. The 1974 Rent Act has deterred many landlords from letting properties. Inflation has driven them out of the market.

University College, Cardiff, is having probably the toughest fight to find homes for students. Mr Alastair Cockburn, an executive member of the students' union, predicted that there could be as many as 400 homeless students in the city. He blamed the authorities for not providing any more accommodation than last year—an old staff room with space for 50 sleeping bags.

"Many students next week will have to doss down on floors", he said. "The situation is far worse than last year. Students are already talking about breaking into property and squatting. Last year we had about 20 squatters. There will be significantly more this year."

> Inflation and the Rent Act have deterred many landlords from letting to students

But Mr Aubrey Rees, the students' advisory officer, said that he did not expect more than 50 of the college's students to be homeless next week. The number of lodgings had fallen off because landladies were feeling the pinch.

First-year students started to drift into the University of East Anglia, in Norwich, on Thursday. Mr Jeffry Elsmore, student union welfare officer, counted 40 who were hoping for camp beds in a student residence. University accommodatin officers were too harassed to comment.

London's polytechnics have clubbed together to find homes for 11,000 students. The regular pool of lettings has been halved, mainly because of the Rent Act ensuring security of furnished tenancies, according to Mr Peter Hodges, accommodation officer at the Polytechnic of Central London.

He said: "Many landlords are frightened that they will not be able to turn students out. Instead of bedsitters they are offering bed and breakfast accommodation and holiday lettings renewable every three weeks."

An advertising campaign has had a wide response. The strife-torn Polytechnic of North London, is probably the worst affected. Mrs Shirley Meredeen, the polytechnic's accommodation officer, said that they had only 42 residential places because a new residence for 240 students had not been completed on time.

She said they were trying to help 500 out of the 1,500 first-year students. "So far we have managed by booking them into hotels and bed-and-breakfasts, but in many cases they have not yet received their grant cheques. This weekend we will have to use emergency accommodation in Stapleton House, a teaching block opposite the Holloway Road tower block. We can accommodate a maximum of 20."

At Nottingham, where the private landlords' association has refused to let to students, about a dozen students are staying at the homes of university dons. Trent Polytechnic took the unusual step of announcing, earlier this month, a check in its student recruiting campaign and gave preferences to home-based students. Mr Tim Jones, the polytechnic's information officer, said the situation had improved.

Birmingham University, which started the week with about 40 students on camp beds in halls, now has 20. Mr Robert Hughes, the lodgings warden, said matters were much better than last year, when they had 114.

Accommodation officers in Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne said they were coping with the demand successfully.

Archbishop calls for ordination of women

The Church of England will eventually have to accept women priests, the Archbishop of York said last night. Speaking on Tyne-Tees television the Most Rev Stuart Blanch said: "There is a certain emotional resistance among the older membership, but I believe it would have been much easier without making a great issue of it as we have done—all these complicated reports and profound and largely inexplicable theological discussions—if women had been ordained in the first instance to quite specific tasks."

He added: "There is no answer in the end but that the Church of England will have to take in hand the ordination of women." The idea that no churchman should ever have anything to do with politics was "a strange notion" considering that "every single prophet of the Old Testament was embroiled in politics and certainly had ideas about what society ought to be like.

"I think the church does have a responsibility to society, not telling people what to do, but certainly being prepared to criticize elements in society which make us less than human." He said he was talking about "great tower blocks", huge industries and monotonous routine tasks.

The church ought, he argued, to try to reduce the acute polarization in society between management and employees, and certainly in some areas between black and white. Those were ridiculous divisions, he said.

Teachers are told to close rebel school

The seven London teachers who are running an "alternative" school in protest against classroom inspections have been told by the Inner London Education Authority to close it. Mr Terry Ellis, headmaster of William Tyndale Junior School, and six of his teachers have been running the school in a chapel in Gaskin Street, Islington.

Dr Eric Briault, Inner London Education Authority education officer, says in a letter to Mr Ellis: "I understand you have made arrangements for some of the pupils of William Tyndale Junior School to attend certain other premises. These children are on the roll of William Tyndale School and should be in attendance there. You are instructed to desist from any action leading to these children not attending William Tyndale."

The teachers, who have been accused of having extreme left-wing views, have been told to return to work by ILEA and the National Union of Teachers. Forty of their colleagues from many parts of London demonstrated yesterday outside County Hall in support of their action. Several demonstrators held up copies of the *Socialist Worker* and *Red Weekly*. A leaflet calling for an inquiry into a "witch hunt" was distributed by members of the International Marxist Group.

The teachers began their strike on September 22. During yesterday's demonstration Mr Ellis, referring to the order to close the alternative school, said: "We have put no pressure on either parents or children to attend our school. We assume that ILEA believes in parental choice, but it seems as if they only believe in it when it works for them and not for anybody else, especially parents."

Leaflet 'spoke of subversive action'

By David Leigh

Members of the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign deliberately defied the law by leaflet campaigns directed at soldiers even after Miss Pat Arrowsmith was convicted for possession of "a highly subversive and insidious document", it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Letters, press releases and notes found at the London home of Miss Gwyneth Williams, one of 14 people charged with conspiracy to try to seduce soldiers from their duty, talked of "a possibility for effective subversive action, that for once goes beyond mere protest".

Mr Michael Coombe, for the prosecution, said one leaflet, *Some Information for British Soldiers*, contained remarks from soldiers who had deserted, and advice on ways to leave the Army, including flight to Sweden. Even without the words of encouragement it contained, the leaflet was "mischievous in the extreme".

One press release said Miss Arrowsmith's conviction had made pacifism illegal, but campaign supporters would accept the consequences. They were failing to do that, Mr Coombe said, by maintaining they had not broken the law.

Another leaflet, *Some Information for Discontented Soldiers*, subsequently eliminated remarks from soldiers and played down words of encouragement, but it was produced on the same basis. The first part of it was not objectionable, "if unnecessary". It detailed sources of help to leave the Army legally.

But advice on seeking asylum in Sweden was designed to attract "young waverers", soldiers looking for an easy way out, who might be pushed over the brink by what was a "very potent form of seduction".

The Crown did not have to prove any soldiers had been seduced, merely that the defendants tried. Miss Gwyneth Williams had played a very active role, and others, like Albert Beale and John Hyatt, had a very important role in the general organization of the conspiracy, Mr Coombe said. Miss Susan Hornsby's role was very minor, but she had agreed to take part in promoting the campaign.

Mr Robert Thomas, of Claude Road, Cardiff, charged solely with conspiracy, had delivered a different leaflet, aimed at civilians, in Devizes. It was aimed at recruiting people for the campaign and they would then pass on documents of a really seditious nature, Mr Coombe said.

He delivered one to a retired major-general, "not the best possible recruit for the campaign to subvert soldiers", who took him to a police station. Other defendants had been seen giving out leaflets as part of the "Devizes project", which included setting up a bookstall in Devizes market. Soldiers were given various leaflets, with titles like *You have rights*. The project was coordinated by Miss Williams and some of the accused had had leaflets with information for soldiers.

The trial continues today.

Judge flies to see island

Mr Justice Megarry, aged 65, flew from London yesterday to the South Seas to inspect Ocean Island, a 1,000-acre speck on the Equator which its former inhabitants claim has been left "ravaged and looking like the surface of the Moon".

The islanders, the Banabans, want him to see the effect of 70 years of phosphate mining by a British-Australian-New Zealand corporation. They want the island's surface restored and food-bearing trees planted. In another case, they are claiming that they were underpaid by £22m in phosphate royalties over many years.

Power-sharing demands increased at Cambridge

Cambridge University students yesterday stepped up their campaign for representation on the university's governing body, the Council of the Senate.

Their union issued a statement calling for student participation in the running of the university after the installation on Wednesday of the first woman vice-chancellor, Dr Rosemary Murray.

The statement came after Professor Jack Linnett, the retiring vice-chancellor, criticized student leaders for failing to take any action to prevent a sit-in in June in support of the students' campaign.

Mr Alastair Begg, president of the Cambridge Student Union, said that if 10,000 junior members were not allowed to play a part in the government of the university their frustration was bound to lead to aggression.

He added: "If students are not to be treated as adult members of the community, then good relations between senior and junior members would be impossible.

"The present system of student consultation is little more than a charade and we call on the university to give positive support to the principle of student participation in the government of the university."

Mr Maxwell wants more workers' cooperatives

Mr Robert Maxwell, who on Wednesday resigned as chief executive of the *Scottish Daily News* workers' newspaper cooperative, gave his backing yesterday to the cooperative system.

"Wherever owners or management have lost control of a factory, the best thing they can do is hand over control to a workers' cooperative", he said.

"If we have thousands of these cooperatives, there is no 'them and us' attitude, there is no stealing, and they prevent misuse and waste of materials. I am a great believer that one of the biggest troubles facing the country is the 'them and us' syndrome."

Mr Maxwell told the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, in London, that his resignation was to end uncertainty about the future of the *Scottish Daily News*.

He expected to remain a member of the cooperative as a consultant, and would be prepared to give more money if it was needed.

The paper's losses were tiny compared with those faced by some other newspapers, who hoped to get some form of government aid as a result of the Royal Commission on the Press, now sitting, he said.

"One of the reasons there is such a frenzy to kill off the *SDN* in many newspapers is that if the *SDN* is alive and kicking, you might get workers saying to the Government: 'Get rid of this old and exhausted management and we will form ourselves into a workers' cooperative.'"

Boiler explodes at rugby club

An exploding boiler severely damaged the dressing room and another building belonging to Newbridge Rugby Club, in Gwent yesterday.

Bomb disposal experts were called in after it was discovered that the explosion was not due to a gas leak. Later police said it had been established that the blast was caused by overheating in a 250-gallon copper boiler which was used for showers.

Bomb trial man tells of 'baby-sit for dog'

A man accused of murder in the Guildford public house bombs trial said yesterday that he was "baby-sitting" for a dog and smoking cannabis at a squat in London on the night of the explosions.

Patrick Armstrong, aged 25, of Belfast, said the squat was in Kilburn. Another accused, Carole Richardson, aged 18, was living at the squat and she asked him if he was going out that night.

"I said 'No' and she told me to baby-sit for the dog", Mr Armstrong told the jury at the Central Criminal Court. He remembered because people joked about it.

Mr John Leonard, QC, his counsel, asked: "How did you spend the evening?" Mr Armstrong replied: "Sitting smoking joints." He added: "Later on I got a bit high and went off to my own room." He slept until about 10 pm.

Paul Michael Hill, aged 29, and Gerard Conlon, aged 20, are appearing with Miss Richardson and Mr Armstrong. All are accused of murdering five people in a bomb explosion at a public house in Guildford and conspiring to cause explosions.

Mr Hill and Mr Armstrong are also accused of murdering two men in the King's Arms public house explosion at Woolwich. Mr Armstrong is accused of conspiracy to murder at Woolwich. All plead not guilty to all charges.

Mr Leonard suggested that Mr Armstrong made confessions after "violence was used against him". He had decided "the safest thing he could do was to confess".

After an application by Mr Leonard that Mr Armstrong should be found not guilty on one of four counts in connexion with the Woolwich public house explosion, Mr Justice Donaldson ruled that the jury should find him not guilty of committing an act with intent to cause an explosion by assisting in a reconnaissance. The jury found him not guilty on that count.

Later Mr Leonard said: "We are not here to decide about whether the people who planted the bombs were wicked people. What we are here to decide is whether those wicked people were these individuals sitting in the dock."

Fifteen days after the Guildford explosions, he said, Mr Armstrong and Miss Richardson hitch-hiked around the country. On October 25, Miss Richardson telephoned the police from a public call-box near Folkestone to complain that she had been assaulted by "a man who was impatient about her taking too long in a telephone box". Three police officers went along. Mr Armstrong was with Miss Richardson. Mr Leonard said, "If it was correct to assume that they went on their hitch-hiking tour to get away from the Guildford bombings investigation, it was incredible that they should have invited the attention of three police officers".

The trial continues today.

Detective charged

A detective constable, Nigel John Lewis, aged 27, of Potters Bar, appeared at Highbury magistrates' court, London, yesterday on two charges of corruption. The case was adjourned until October 30.

Guard shot in raid

A security guard was shot in the thigh when a gang attacked his van in the Old Kent Road, London, yesterday. They took £6,000 and another shot shattered the windscreen of a pursuing motorist's car.

New illiteracy drive

The World University Service announced yesterday a campaign to teach adult illiterates in Britain to read, which would be carried out by its groups at 50 universities and colleges of education.

Teacher faces dismissal

The governors of Swanley comprehensive school, Kent, have recommended that Mr Roger Hiskey, aged 27, a history teacher, should be dismissed by the county education committee.

Mr Hiskey was suspended for writing articles in a local newspaper complaining about lack of discipline at the school. He said yesterday that he would appeal against dismissal. He felt he had been made a victim of the teaching unions, whose members had threatened to strike unless he was dismissed.

5-year order on boy arsonist

A boy aged 15 who was said to have once told police he liked watching flames" was ordered yesterday by Judge Smith, QC, at Newcastle Crown Court, to be detained for five years.

He was convicted of starting fires at a school and at flats. In May, it was said, he was convicted of causing fire damage at a church hall.

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Abuse in legal aid system denied by Lord Denning

By Our Legal Correspondent

Lord Denning, the Master of the Rolls, has rejected the accusation made by a senior police officer on Wednesday, that solicitors were abusing the legal aid system.

"I regret that those allegations have been made. So far as I know they are completely without foundation. There may have been one or two cases where lawyers have not behaved properly, but they are extremely rare", he said.

Speaking at a reception given by the Law Society to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of legal aid, Lord Denning added: "By and large, in the administration of the legal aid system the legal profession has done its job honourably and with responsibility."

The Law Society has also attacked allegations made by Det Sup Algernon Hemmingway at the Police Superintendents' Association conference in Scarborough.

In a statement issued yesterday the society, which runs the civil legal aid scheme, said that Mr Hemmingway's allegation "was another illustration of failure by a senior police officer to check basic information.

"It is surprising that the officer is apparently unaware that the general administration of criminal legal aid is in the hands of the courts and it is the court and not the Law Society which decides whether legal aid shall be granted."

Mr Hemmingway did not appear to know that the rates of remuneration prescribed by the Home Secretary for criminal legal aid work had not been changed since 1960 and there was now a crisis, because solicitors were giving up legal aid work at crown courts.

"Mr Hemmingway makes a number of general charges of improper conduct on the part of lawyers. He is not the first to make such an attack. What would be new would be if Mr Hemmingway were to provide the facts to substantiate what he says."

In his speech Lord Denning referred to legal aid as being "the greatest single reform of our time and, I believe, of all time in the administration of the law".

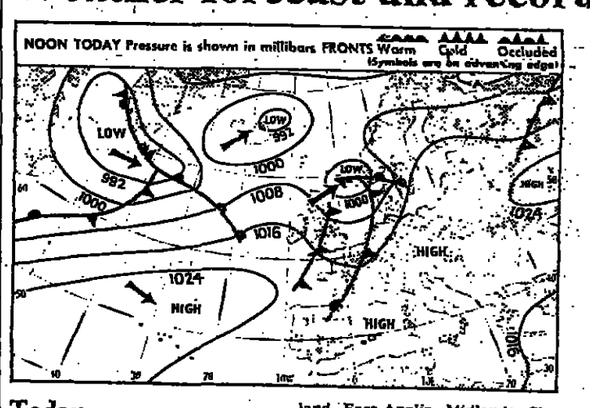
It had transformed the whole system of justice, he went on. "Legal aid is one of the great social services of our time, comparable in its own sphere to the National Health Service in the sphere of medical services."

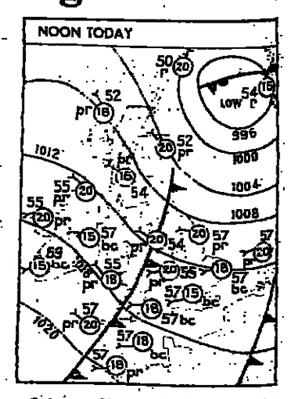
Deckhand killed in tug collision

Mr John Wells, aged 31, a deckhand, was knocked overboard and killed when the Hull tug, Masterman, was in collision with the 6,000-ton freighter, Flores Career, which she was towing on Wednesday night. Mr Wells was quickly picked up, but died soon afterwards.

Mr Terence Hales, aged 37, a mate on the tug, was also thrown overboard, but was allowed to go home after hospital treatment. The Masterman was towing the freighter into Hull. An investigation began yesterday into the accident.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.3 am Sun sets: 6.35 pm
Moon rises: 4.45 am Moon sets: 5.26 pm
New Moon: October 5.
Lighting up: 7.5 pm to 6.35 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.28 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 12.54 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Avonmouth, 6.22 am, 12.7m (41.8ft); 6.43 pm, 13.3m (43.5ft). Dover, 10.6 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 10.33 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Hull, 4.54 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 5.36 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Liverpool, 10.24 am, 9.1m (29.7ft); 10.43 pm, 9.4m (31.0ft).

A depression over S Scotland is expected to move away NE, while a ridge of high pressure will move E into Ireland later.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind W, moderate or fresh, veering NW; max temp 15°C (59°F).

E, NW, NE, central N England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, perhaps heavy at times; wind W, fresh or strong, veering NW; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll: Cloudy, rain, becoming brighter, showery; wind variable, becoming NW, fresh or strong; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Cloudy, rain, becoming brighter, showery; wind NE, fresh or strong, backing NW; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain, bright intervals, showers later; wind E, moderate or fresh, backing N; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle over N and W, mostly dry over E and S England; temp near or rather above normal.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 17°C (63°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 92 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.03in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 2.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,010.3 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	s	28	82	Cologne	s	16	61	L. Palmas	s	24	75
Amsterdam	r	17	63	Copenhagen	r	18	64	Lisbon	s	24	75
Athens	s	28	82	Dublin	r	15	59	Locarno	s	20	68
Barcelona	s	24	75	Edinburgh	r	13	55	London	c	18	64
Beirut	s	28	82	Florence	s	21	70	Luxemburg	c	17	63
Belfast	r	11	52	Funchal	s	21	70	Madrid	s	35	77
Berlin	s	20	68	Geneva	s	20	68	Majorca	s	28	82
Biarritz	s	26	79	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Malaga	s	29	84
Birmingham	c	16	61	Guernsey	c	18	64	Malta	s	29	84
Bristol	r	15	59	Helsinki	r	15	59	Manchstr	c	15	59
Brussels	r	18	64	Innsbruck	s	21	70	Munich	r	19	66
Budapest	r	23	73	Istanbul	r	21	70	Naples	s	26	79
Cardiff	r	14	57	Jersey	c	17	63	New York	c	15	59
Nice	s	23	73	Stockholm	r	12	54
Nicosia	s	32	90	Tel Aviv	s	31	88
Oslo	r	13	55	Tenerife	s	27	81
Paris	c	16	61	Venice	s	23	73
Perth(Aus)	c	—	—	Vienna	c	21	70
Rome	s	26	79	Warsaw	r	20	68
Rotterdam	r	15	59	Zurich	s	18	64

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 15; Belgium, Bfr 25; Canaries, Pes 30; Denmark, Dkr 2.75; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.50; Germany, Dm 2.00; Greece, Dr 125; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Lebanon, Lf 2.50; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta 9p; Norway, Kr 1.60; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 25; Sweden, Skr 1.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA (Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20

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Secret child records 'widespread in schools'

By Our Education Correspondent

The practice of keeping secret record cards on children aged five and upwards is widespread in schools, according to *Where*, the magazine for parents, published today by the Advisory Centre for Education, Cambridge.

Mr Paul McNamee, aged 63, a primary school teacher in Swanage, Dorset, says the system is open to many abuses. The parent, one of the really trustworthy sources of information, is not consulted. Idle gossip is often set down on forms as if it were Holy Writ. He claims that a teacher wrote "dirty sexual habits" on the record of a boy, aged 10, after one incident. A primary schoolgirl had "vicious tendencies", according to one teacher, but another teacher failed to find them.

In Dorset head teachers have powers to show anyone they like the record cards, he says. In Flintshire it has become standard practice to pass on the cards to prospective employers.

Mr McNamee has been campaigning for some time to allow parents to have access to the records. He has sent evidence to the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life of records which have been misused. He claims records have been handed unchecked to the police.

A survey in the same issue of the magazine shows that at least 82 out of the 104 authorities in England and Wales keep records. Only three, Clwyd, Dorset and the London borough of Richmond, tell parents officially that the records exist. Only Clwyd and Dorset guarantee that the parent has a right to see the records.

Eleven of 39 education authorities which sent a specimen record card provided no space for a signature. Twenty-three of the authorities asked for information about the family. Where does the information come from, the magazine asks? *Where* (Advisory Centre for Education, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1QY).

University architecture

A three-part review of university architecture since 1960 starts in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* today with the new universities. There are also articles by Lord Ashby, Joel Hurstfield and W. W. Robson on F. R. Leavis.

Miss Bette Davis: "I will go on as long as I can stagger."

Bette Davis launches British tour

By Kenneth Gosling

Miss Bette Davis, one of the last of the Hollywood superstars, "held court" at the London Palladium yesterday, greeting every one of 150 reporters and photographers personally. She was meeting the press before the start of a tour of 18 towns and cities in Britain.

For more than an hour, seated on a dais in the Cinderella room, elegantly dressed in black with gold jewelry and wearing white gloves, her hair blonde and short, she belied her age of 67.

Only once did her patience wear a little thin, when photographers continued to flash their lights in her eyes, and she snapped, "I swore to God there would not be any more".

She was ready for most of the questions. "How does one think of oneself as a legend?" "In a coffin", she thought.

How does she stay so young? "I'm really 14 years old half the time. I do a certain amount of dieting—you can't stay this thin and eat Italian food every night."

Was she difficult off-screen? "Every human being in the world is difficult sometimes."

No, she never sees her own films. She preferred film to the theatre, as a medium. Impersonations of herself were a compliment, but it had taken many years for anyone to get round to it—"it worried me very much".

Did today's emphasis on sex worry her? "I wish we had half the privilege they have today; we could have made more honest films, because our rules were just ridiculous."

Her tour begins next Monday at Croydon. She will show clips from a dozen of her 84 films, ranging from *Cabin in the Cotton* (1932) to *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* (1962). She liked best *Dark Victory*, *Jezebel*, and *Now, Voyager* of her own films.

She would not, she said, have started in films today, but she has no thoughts of retirement. "Ideally, I will go on as long as I can stagger."

Protest over deaths of 2,000 birds

Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, yesterday promised to take up the matter of 2,000 birds found dead after arrival at Heathrow airport on Wednesday night, according to Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour MP for Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, who called on him yesterday.

The MP joined in a protest made by Mr Neville Whittaker, manager of the airport hostel of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I am appalled at this latest massacre. This is something no civilized society can tolerate", Mr Sandelson said. If the Ministry did not take prompt action to stop such "wicked carnage" a Bill would need to be introduced in the Commons.

A ministry spokesman said: "Unfortunately, there is little we can do, except for veterinary representations to be made to the countries concerned. If the airlines were British, possibly we could warn them and even do something under the law."

Four consignments, containing 2,031 dead birds, arrived from India on Wednesday night. Only 89 were still alive. The birds included parakeets, mynahs and assorted finches.

The Air India aircraft carrying the birds, which were for a British dealer, had arrived 48 hours late because of technical trouble in Kuwait. Mr Whittaker said: "When the birds arrived we discovered they had no water in their pots."

Mr Whittaker could recall only one previous case where more birds had died. He said they were packed up to 300 in a box in this consignment. Only small tins of water were provided.

"In the heat of somewhere like Kuwait those tins would need to be almost constantly refilled", he said. During the delay at Kuwait the birds should have been removed to the coolest part of the airport and constantly watered.

Air India said that a stray bird flying over the runway had been sucked into the engine of the engine of the aircraft as it was landing at Kuwait. That meant major repairs, and a delay of 48 hours.

The airline was inquiring at Kuwait to see if the birds had been watered there. "If not, we shall want to know why", it said.

Parakeets normally sell in Britain at about £10 a pair, mynahs for up to £20 each, and tropical finches for about £2 a pair.

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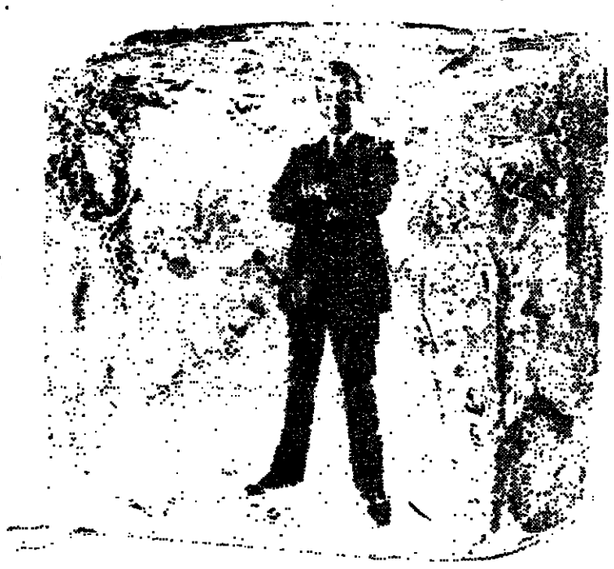

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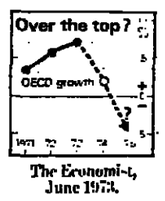

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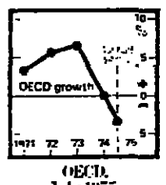

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Policeman misled coroner on prosecuting drivers

A police inspector told a coroner yesterday that he had mistakenly misled him about police policy in prosecuting drivers in accidents where a close relative of the driver had died.

At an inquest held on September 16, Inspector Brian Elliott, of the Metropolitan Police, told the Hornsey coroner, Dr David Paul, that he did not know whether the driver of a car involved in a fatal accident would be prosecuted. He thought the case was one where the "nearest and dearest policy" would be applied.

That policy, he explained, was one where proceedings are waived against a driver when it was considered that he had been punished enough by the death of a relative.

The inquest on Mr Dennis Charalambous, aged 29, of Western Park, Hornsey, London, was resumed yesterday and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Mr Elliott said yesterday that he had unfortunately "misled" the court and that the "nearest and dearest" rule did not always follow. Indeed, in that particular case, the legal department had decided to prosecute the driver, Mr Anthony Charalambous, the brother of the dead man, for alleged dangerous driving.

After the hearing Dr Paul commented on what he described as the outcry in the press over his previous adjournment of the case. "I trust their legal advisers are now satisfied that the coroner has the right to adjourn", he said.

Armed raiders were filmed by bank camera

Two armed men who raided a Glasgow bank and stole £12,290 were filmed by the bank's video camera, a court was told yesterday when one of them received a seven-year sentence.

The men, who were masked and armed with a sawn-off shotgun and a revolver, escaped in a stolen car, Mr John Wheatley, advocate depute, said in the *High Court in Edinburgh*.

Ernest Barrie, aged 19, of Kenmure Street, Glasgow, was sent to a young offenders' institution for seven years. He admitted taking part in the robbery with another man at the Clydesdale Bank, in Pollokshields, on August 13, three days before he was to be married.

The police found £4,861, but the rest of the money was not recovered, Mr Wheatley said.

Mr Richard Scott, for the defence, said Barrie made a full confession.

Police are still trying to trace the other man.

Man who started 22 fires jailed for three years

From Our Correspondent

Aylesbury

Twenty-two fires causing more than £62,000 of damage in the area of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, in less than a year were started by one man, it was said at Aylesbury Crown Court yesterday. His targets were mainly barns, one of which belonged to Lord Carrington, *Leader of the Opposition in the* House of Lords. Families had to flee from one fire in a terrace of houses.

Vivian Austin, aged 20, of The Caravan, Westhorpe Park, Little Marlow, was jailed for three years after admitting six *arson charges* and having 16 others taken into consideration.

Mr Andrew Urquhart, for the defence, said Mr Austin never intended to harm anyone. He thought the terrace houses were unoccupied. Mr Urquhart added that Mr Austin had financial *difficulties. Most of the offences* were committed after he had been drinking and quarrelled with his wife.

Direct-grant schools' plea prepared for Minister

By Our Education Correspondent

A deputation from the leading organizations fighting to save the 174 direct-grant grammar schools in England and Wales are to meet Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in Blackpool today.

Mr Frank Crowley, secretary of the Catholic direct-grant action committee, said: "We shall present him with a strong case for reconsidering the reorganization of secondary education in the North-west. Many of the buildings are completely unsuited to going comprehensive. Split-site schools are inevitable, although educationally unacceptable.

"The whole exercise would cost a great deal of money if the reorganized schools were to meet standards laid down by the Department of Education and Science."

Other members of the deputation include Mrs Barbara Hurst, chairman of Bolton education committee, and Miss Margaret Higginson, Headmistress of Bolton School for Girls.

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE/BLACKPOOL

Mr Short accepts motion urging ministers to honour 1974 manifesto as a friendly 'push'

From Our Parliamentary Staff

Describing it as a "friendly push" on the Government, Mr Short, deputy leader of the party, accepted on behalf of the national executive a resolution calling on the Government to honour its 1974 election manifesto.

The resolution said that the party must reassure its workers who had devoted much time and energy to the cause of socialism and emphasized to the Government the disastrous results for it and the Labour movement that any retreat from the socialist policies on which it was elected would bring about, particularly with regard to its policy on public ownership. It also called for resistance to reductions in public expenditure in keeping with the manifesto proposals.

Mr Bruce Trescatheric (Barrow-in-Furness), moving the resolution, said it was a warning to the Government, not a condemnation. The importance of keeping faith with the manifesto had been emphasized throughout the conference. The policy of public ownership must be continually defended and implemented in those areas mentioned in the manifesto where action had not yet been taken. The Government must keep faith with the party workers. Their priorities must be the Government's priorities.

He went on: "If you believe in democratic socialism you ought to be in the Labour Party. If you believe in Liberalism, Tory capitalism or communism as practised today you ought to belong only to those parties. There is concern our party is being infiltrated by fifth columnists. While I believe there can be no place in this party for non-socialists, concern and vigilance must not develop into a witchhunt.

"I can see no reason why properly constituted general management committees through their set of constitutional processes should not use these to withdraw support from a parliamentary candidate. (Cheers.) Did those MPs who are complaining about 50 or so activists who reject a candidate protest when similar numbers on GMCs up and down the country selected them as candidates." (Cheers.)

Mr Norman Stagg (Union of Post Office Workers) said he utterly repudiated the implication in the resolution that the Government had dishonoured its election pledges.

"I appeal to this conference no tto give succour and manna to the enemies of the Labour movement", he added. "Already speeches have been made outside the conference hall which have been received as manna from heaven by those who want to see the Labour Government removed."

Mr Short, replying for the executive, said delegates should accept the resolution. "We regard this as a friendly push by conference to tell the Government to keep on with the job", he added.

This debate was really about socialism. It was right that there should be one spot in the agenda where they could specifically discuss what the Labour Party was about.

He continued: "We in this party believe that all the country's resources must be mobilized for the common good, but at the same time we claim to believe in the supreme importance of individual men, women and children. It is because we reconcile these two aspects that this great party provides the broad-based alternative to the crudities of Toryism on the one hand and to the equal crudities of communism on the other." It was because of that that the Prime Minister was able to assert that Labour had now become the natural party of government.

The social wage was now more than £1,000 a head a year. It had increased enormously since the Government came to office. It had been achieved in spite of a difficult parliamentary situation, in spite of the worst world recession since the 1930s, and in spite of sustained, irresponsible and vicious opposition from the entire Tory press.

The Government had made a big start on the manifesto commitments. "We do not accept in the Government", he said, "that abandoning our socialist policy is a prerequisite to solving our economic problems. On the contrary and in particular, our policy of public ownership and the redistribution of wealth is on our view absolutely essential to solving Britain's economic problem.

When Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe said that the Government must abandon public ownership or they would never solve the problem, they utterly rejected that.

"We believe our policies are relevant to and essential to the solution of our economic problems."

The old methods of stop-go had been tried for decades. There must be an irreversible shift in the balance of wealth and power towards the people who produced the wealth. Until that could be done there could be no solution to the country's difficulties.

Mr Short assured delegates: "All our commitments in the manifesto stand and they will be honoured. Two factors determine when they will be honoured. The first is parliamentary time; the second is resources."

With raised arm Dr Mario Soares, leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party, acknowledges a standing ovation at the conference yesterday.

Mr Callaghan attacks critics of Dr Soares

Labour Party critics of the socialist regime in Portugal were bitterly attacked by Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, shortly after the conference had accorded a standing ovation to Dr Mario Soares, leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party.

Dr Soares, who addressed the conference through an interpreter, remained on the platform to hear Mr Callaghan dismiss as claptrap the propaganda leaflets handed out to delegates as they came to the Winter Gardens for the debate on Portugal.

One of the leaflets urged support for a picket line in protest against the visit of Dr Soares, who, it was said, "supports military suppression of workers' control in radio and press". Another leaflet asked: "Is Soares a socialist?"

The Foreign Secretary also attacked as the height of impertinence an article on Portugal in *Labour Weekly*.

Turning to Dr Soares, he explained, with loud applause as confirmation, that such comments did not represent the views of the Labour Party.

Mr Alexander Kitson, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, putting forward a policy statement from the NEC, said there were immense problems facing the Portuguese socialists and people. "They need our sympathy, and even more they need our understanding", he said.

Everyone welcomed the revolution of April, 1974, and wanted the continuation of that revolution. But it was not going to be easy: 50 years of fascism left its mark. Not only did the Government have to destroy the fascist structure, it faced an appalling economic situation.

They in the Labour movement had to intensify their cooperation, and that meant economic aid with no strings attached. They had to learn the lesson of what had happened in Chile. The same forces that destroyed Allende could be at work in Portugal.

Mr Eric Hammond, Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, moved a resolution expressing concern at the events in Portugal, which "threaten a loss of democratic rights of which the people were deprived for so long under the fascist regime". It congratulated the Socialist Party on their success in the Portuguese elections and noted the lack of support for the communists and their allies and called on the Armed Forces Movement to cede power to the democratically elected representatives of the people. It also called on the NEC to give moral and material assistance to Portuguese socialists "in their gallant struggle".

He said the people believed their views would be taken into account, and the denial of their expressed will brought the revolution to near collapse.

Mr Michael Boyle (Berwick and East Lothian) seconding, said there were those in the conference, including some on the platform, who supported the extreme left and would have them believe that the election in Portugal did not matter. There were some who would have them believe Mario Soares was a reactionary. Dr Soares should be able to go back to the Portuguese people and say "the British Labour Party are behind you 100 per cent".

Mr John Quirk (Norwood) opposing the motion, said they had been told the Socialist Party in Portugal represented the interests of the working class, but it was time to ask Dr Soares why he was collaborating with the capitalists of the PPD, who were no different from the Tories and Liberals in this country. Why did he support the PEC.

Mr Norman Buchan (MP for Renfrewshire, West) said that although they must give solidarity to the Portuguese Socialist Party, because it was a brother party, he did not think it was a helpful resolution and he asked the platform to withdraw it. They should not interfere with the political life of Portugal. They would settle their problems themselves.

Mr Callaghan, replying for the executive, said: "It is a little much to come here and tell Mario Soares how he should conduct his affairs in order to usher in democracy and socialism in Portugal: to a man many of us worked with for years when he was in exile, who has been imprisoned for his beliefs, threatened with death and even now has to leave his home at dead of night in order to go somewhere else to be secure. I suggest a certain amount of modest reticence on the part of those who ask whether he is a socialist."

The situation in Portugal demanded Labour's sympathy, support and understanding. "By all means let us have a different view but for God's sake do not let us try to implant our theories on their situation out there", he said.

"The question for Portugal, and sometimes I think, when I hear the speeches of some of our comrades, it could be the question for Britain, is whether the transition to socialism is to be made with respect for political democracy and public liberties or through the abandonment of this democracy which is considered to be a bourgeois luxury. That is the struggle.

"Let those who believe that parliamentary democracy and the achievement of socialism through that way is a bourgeois luxury remember that they have the luxury of proclaiming their beliefs here today in a stable and sound society and in a Labour Party well grounded, secure and knowing exactly where it is going. But do not try to apply them in Portugal. That is where you have to face the real revolution."

Dr Soares had told the conference what he believed to be the way forward for political freedom. Who wanted to deny that? "Freedom of the press. Is that deniable too? Freedom of the trade unions. Is that what those who are opposed to his path are opposed to? Let us have some commonsense about this situation. We know perfectly well what the struggle is, and know exactly which is the line the Labour Party and movement will prefer and hope will win. It is not for us to dictate the path which the Portuguese people choose to take.

"I would be opposed to outside interference in that way but once they have chosen their path and chosen it clearly, it is the duty and responsibility of all socialist movements in Europe to support the Portuguese people in that decision. That is what we will do."

Mr Callaghan said the NEC accepted the resolution, which was then approved by the conference. Dr Soares, bringing fraternal greetings to the conference, said there had been misunderstandings of his party's strategy in the past few months. He offered to have talks with members of the left-wing of the British Labour Party so that he could explain the position realistically. The Portuguese Socialist Party had always been faithful to its programme, building in Portugal a real socialist society where real power lay in the hands of the workers, while retaining human rights.

He was given a standing ovation.

Conference notebook
by Hugh Noyes

Indissoluble brotherhood given surgery

With every indication that open, full-blooded warfare was about to be declared within the Labour Party at any moment, its leaders swung into action yesterday with appeals to cool it. Delegates were awash with rumours. Mr Foot, it was said, had been seen making warlike gestures at Mr Mikardo in one of the bars of the main conference hotel.

The whole nation knows by now what Mr Jack Jones feels about the *Tribune* group and Mrs Judith Hart is supposed to have said something most unladylike to one of her colleagues on the national executive committee. The indissoluble brotherhood, proclaimed earlier in the week by Mr Healey, just after he had been booted out of the NEC, was clearly in need of emergency surgery.

As the faithful gathered in the Winter Gardens for the fourth day of the conference, there was a feeling of revolution in the air and the absence of many leading figures suggested that perhaps the coup had already taken place. To the tune of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" delegates took their seats and Mr Mulley, the conference chairman, remarked rather nervously and without much conviction in his voice that he hoped the mood of the music could be carried on through the day.

No one could expect much action during the morning session with discussions on local government finance, transport and the legal service but things seemed to be warming up a bit during a debate on the conspiracy laws. Many speakers took the view that the only way to speed the socialist revolution was to repeal those laws and so remove one of the main weapons of the "ruling capitalist class".

Dr Mario Soares, leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party, was to speak during the afternoon and innumerable fringe groups, placards waving, and pamphlets thrusting, were threatening opposition. With disgust in his voice Mr Callaghan castigated those.

But it was Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary, with the same purpose in mind, but with little despect for reticence, who took delegates, NEC, trade unions, MPs, ministers and back benchers alike and squeezed them until in one of Mr Healey's memorable phrases, the pips squeaked. It was an electrifying experience and, at the end, as the conference sat back gasping, no one was quite sure whether he had escaped or been included in the general secretary's castigations.

Throughout the hall, delegates were asking themselves nervously who had received the sternest reprimand and whether anyone, high or low, had escaped the lash. Certainly, Mr Mikardo and the Tribunites had been included: "I do not want to be told, after 42 years membership, even by those who have got an acute dose of Tribunitis, what type of socialist I should be", Mr Hayward said. "We cannot even make a speech without ten minutes later having a round robin disagreeing with it."

Mr Hayward, shaking with anger, said he was a little sick of those political masochists within the Labour movement, who, weekend after weekend asked to be crucified for their principles providing that they laid on the press, television and radio to hear their moans and groans.

It was certainly the most startling performance of the conference week and the general secretary was given not only a standing but a cheering ovation. Perhaps it was Mr Hayward that was in the mind of Mr Short, the party's deputy leader, when he wound up an innocuous debate on the manifesto later in the day by urging delegates to meet the typhoon face on and to go through it.

Hope of new deal for developing nations

A debate on overseas aid and world food resources was opened by Mr David Burns (South-West Staffordshire), who successfully moved a resolution calling on the Government to increase overseas aid to at least the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of the gross national product by not later than January, 1980, and to reinstate the £20m aid to Third World countries.

He said the use of grain for feeding animals was not only wasteful but criminal when millions of people were starving. He urged delegates to stop being selfish and "start behaving like socialists".

Another resolution, moved by Mr Christopher Kemp (Saffron Walden) and later carried, urged the Government to reconsider the proposals in its White Paper *Food From Our Own Resources*, which proposed to expand the number of British livestock, increasing grain imports as a main source of their feed. The feeding of massive amounts of grain to animals was wasteful and abhorrent, the resolution said.

It was opposed by Mr Reginald Bottini, general secretary, National Union of Agricultural Workers. He said that a decision by the conference for the Government to reconsider its proposals to expand agriculture would add to the lack of confidence already affecting the industry, which was staggering under the effects of inflation. Britain would face its own food crisis unless the trend could be reversed.

Mr John Grant, Under-Secretary for Overseas Development, said that many of the poorer countries could not pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. They did not have any bootstraps or boots. The £20m cut in overseas aid mentioned in one of the resolutions was a cut in a substantial projected increase. Britain would still be giving far more in cash terms than ever before

Mr Eric Clarke (National Union of Mineworkers) said his union was looking for a planned, integrated fuel policy. It might be asked what this had to do with food. "If we look after our own house and become economically viable, we will be able to help with resources and cash the peoples of the underdeveloped nations", he said.

Mr Callaghan, replying for the NEC, said the Government was pursuing a progressive policy.

The question now was whether there was going to be an entirely new relationship between the developing and the developed world: whether, for example, the developed countries agreed that they should transfer part of their technology to the developing nations: whether they agreed that education should be directed not only to training lawyers, but to technical training so that people could not only administer things, but use their skills.

There was also the question whether the western world was going to permit imports of manufactured goods from those countries. In short, whether they were going to assist not just with grants and aid, but were going to create a new industrial and commercial base for developing countries.

Over the past 12 months the western world had realized the need, political as well as moral, for creating a new base for the developing countries, so that they might earn their own living, develop their own economies, and end conditions under which the western world was living as an island of prosperity in a sea of misery.

There was nothing in the resolution to interfere with the Government's programme for home food expansion. The Government was entirely committed on the exploitation of the country's resources.

He wanted to see the wealth of the newly rich Arab countries and the technology and resources of Western Europe and other parts of the industrialized world amassed to supply the needs of the developing countries. They wanted that triangular relationship, and in the EEC they had embarked on a dialogue with the Arab states.

Both resolutions were carried.

Pressure promised for action to reform conspiracy law

The National Executive Committee intended to press the Government to introduce legislation to reform the law on conspiracy as quickly as possible, and it was their understanding that the Government intended to do so, Mr. Bryan Stanley (Post Office Engineering Union), said during a debate on that issue.

Mr Stanley, the NEC spokesman, said a thorough review of the law was necessary to limit the charge of conspiracy to circumstances where it was appropriate. The Law Commission was examining the matter at the request of the Home Secretary, and so was the human rights sub-committe of the NEC. Mrs Wendy Mantle (St Pancras, North), successfully moved a resolution saying that the charge of conspiracy represented one of the largest threats to civil liberty. Any law convicting those acting in unison with others but failing to convict those acting in isolation was illogical and indefensible, it said, calling for the crime of conspiracy to be phased out as soon as alternative legislation could be introduced to ensure the conviction of those plotting to commit serious crimes.

The conference was urged to call on the Government to reform the outdated laws on conspiracy, with a comprehensive review leading to the repeal of all legislation able to be used by any future Administration for the repression of civil liberties.

Mrs Mantle said they wanted legislation to define the law on that subject and to remove from the police the power to bring charges. Yesterday it might have been Peter Hain protesting about the South Africans playing cricket, another day trade unionists picketing, beyond the limits laid down by the existing law.

"But tomorrow it will be your picket line or protest, your charge or conviction, and your risk of a sentence without limit", she said.

Mr Robert Cryer, MP for Keighley, said he would like to see Labour lawyers in Parliament spending all their time there and concerning themselves with that sort of issue and not spending part of their time in the courts.

"I would like to see Labour lawyers recognizing that political prisoners exist not only in South Africa and Russia, but in this country as a result of oppressive legislation. Coupled with this resolution must come a demand that immediately after the passing of the new legislation there is a legitimate demand, a legitimate reason for the most moderate of Home Secretaries to announce the release of Des Warren, a political prisoner in this country."

Mr Stanley, replying for the NEC, said they needed a serious, careful review of the law followed by reforms to deal with the dangers highlighted by recent cases.

There were a number of objections to the present law. First, conspiracy law had been made by judges over the years rather than by Parliament, and in a democratic age it was unsatisfactory that such an important area of the law should exist without the considered approval of elected representatives. Secondly, people who had done something which was only a civil wrong, such as trespass, could be charged if they did it together with the criminal offence of conspiracy. What was even more absurd was that an act not even a civil wrong when done by an individual, could become a criminal conspiracy when two or more were involved.

Conspiracy to corrupt public morals was one example.

A further objection was that for most conspiracy charges there was no limit to the sentence. Although a substantive offence might carry a maximum sentence of one year, a person convicted of conspiracy to commit that offence could go to jail for a longer, and even unlimited, period.

Conspiracy charges were sometimes brought long after the event, sometimes in a situation in which the prosecuting authorities found themselves unable to prove the substantive offence. That was one of the worrying features of the Shrewsbury picket case.

Union leaders steer clear of Jones-Mikardo dispute

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Even some of the left-wing members of the national executive were making it known that they wanted to dissociate themselves from his provocation.

Mr Mikardo, however, maintained that Mr Foot had misunderstood what he had said. Despite a late-night confrontation with Mr Foot in the Imperial Hotel after the *Tribune* group meeting, in which the argument was continued privately, the two of them put on today a public display of their long standing comradeship when they appeared on the conference platform under the gaze of the television cameras.

None the less, the bitterness inside the party which had been exposed by the *Tribune* meeting was further inflamed by the left-wing MP, Mr Eric Heffer, elected to the national executive committee this week. He commented on BBC Television: "I do not understand why trade union leaders should get so angry about freedom of speech. I say this to Jack (Mr Jack Jones): "A trade union leader is not God. No one is God. No one can tell anyone else what to do."

But Mr Harry Urwin, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, on the same programme, said Mr Mikardo's speech was a bit too much. He commented: "What he was saying in effect was that the General Council of the TUC were either fools or they were knaves; that if they had pressed harder they could have got more and might have got a better deal.

"I am all for criticism, but unreasoned condemnation is a different matter altogether."

Mr Jones's comment: Mr Jack Jones refused to expand yesterday on his intervention at the *Tribune* group rally (our Labour Staff writes). He said he would "certainly not" discuss the dispute or its possible implications on the relationship between the Government and the trade union movement. He said: "My argument is that we have arguments within the movement and not outside it."

Many other union leaders shared his view, preferring to sit in the wings while the dispute was tossed from court to court by Labour ministers and MPs.

Even Mr Clive Jenkins, usually a ready critic of certain aspects of government policy, whose union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, voted against the £6 policy at the TUC conference, preferred to remain silent.

Support for Mr Jones came from Mr David Basnett general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, who pointed out that the development of the social contract had been achieved by agreement between the Government and the TUC: "It is supported by most trade unions and trade unionists, the majority of whom are Labour Party supporters. Therefore the consent exists for the policy to work", he said.

Mr Basnett said that any impressions to the contrary were "unrepresentative". The unions had demonstrated that they could reach accord with the Government on social, economic and bargaining objectives: "The purpose of the current policy is to give the Government breathing space to bring down the rate of inflation and so contain the rise in unemployment."

In cooperating to combat these two evils the union movement was also helping to ensure the continuation in office of the government of their choice.

Mr Alan Fisher, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said he agreed that while the TUC had kept to their side of the bargain, the Government had failed to honour some of its pledges, particularly on unemployment and inflation.

Mr Fisher, who is on the General Council of the TUC, added: "It is unfortunate that disputes in the Labour Party should be argued that way in public. There are many differences about government economic and social policies but these are matters which should be settled within the party and the TUC and not in a public meeting.

"It is up to the trade unions, having agreed to exercise restraint, to press the Government to carry out economic and social policies which would be acceptable to the great majority of trade unionists. We should be pressing for further action on unemployment and for more resources for the social services", he said.

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE/BLACKPOOL

Government policy is to switch freight to rail

Labour policy on transport was quite clear, Mr Tom Bradley, president of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, declared when replying to the transport debate on behalf of the NEC. It was to switch freight from road to rail. But he told delegates there were limits to what could be done. It was too easily assumed that it was easy to switch vast quantities of traffic from road to rail. It was not.

A demand was made during the debate for increased investment in the railways to enable modernization and electrification to take place.

Mr David Bowman, president of the National Union of Railwaymen, moved a resolution calling for a firm investment policy for at least a five or 10-year period. It also called on the Government to introduce proposals for achieving a more satisfactory and efficient publicly-owned and integrated transport sector, and to prepare a national transport plan covering all aspects of transport and all areas. Nationalized industries sold off by previous Conservative governments should be returned to public ownership, the resolution said. It also urged the inclusion of the Minister for Transport in the Cabinet.

Mr Bowman said there was a desperate need, before it was too late, to set out transport priorities and legislate for their implementation.

"The days of cheap oil are gone and will not come back", he went on. Britain had almost the highest density of cars on the road in the world yet half the population had no access to cars and must rely on public transport.

As much traffic as possible should be shifted to rail and water and public transport should be developed to make people less dependent on the car. There was a good railway network of 11,000 miles which was seriously underutilized. The railways must be used to full capacity. "Any failure to do so *represents a criminal* misuse of essential national resources."

Mr Walter Johnson, MP for Derby, South, and a member of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, said that as a direct result of Government policy and in complete contradiction to the party's manifesto, traffic was being forced from the railways on to the roads. The railways had been forced to put up their passenger charges by 48 per cent in 12 months. After the last fares *increase in September* rail passengers were finding alternative means of transport, particularly on inter-city and commuter traffic. That was at a time when the Department of Energy had mounted a massive campaign to conserve energy.

Railway workers would not put up with another Beeching exercise. "I warn the Government that they will fight and fight again to preserve the industry which is the lifeblood of the nation."

He had never known such bitterness and anger in the industry. The Government should slow down the pace of phasing out subsidies in the nationalized industries, particularly the railways.

Mr Leslie Huckfield, MP for Nuneaton, speaking for the Transport and General Workers' Union, said they had to produce a planned policy for the coordination and integration of all forms of transport. Road and rail should work together and not against one another. The party gained nothing by setting engine driver *against lorry driver and transport* worker against transport worker.

The country had publicly-owned railways, road haulage, waterways, and buses. The TGWU policy was one which made best use of each. Each had certain advantages.

Mr D. Sennett (Ealing Southall) said there was a ludicrous situation where men at the AEC-Leyland plant in Southall were on short time while London Transport was buying buses from abroad with Swiss engines and German gearboxes. These buses were not reliable and had to spend a lot of time in the garage. As a result there were longer queues and people used their cars, adding to congestion.

His colleagues in British Airways had asked him to protest about proposals to split off more profitable routes from BA to private airlines. There was enough international competition without private carriers on profitable routes to South America.

Mr Bradley, who will be the next Chairman of the Labour Party, replying for the NEC said that the conference meeting in 1949 would have found it unbelievable if someone had forecast then that they would still be debating the case and need for a properly integrated system of public transport. (Cheers.)

A more sensible system of state transport services must be devised if the best use of the country's distributive assets was to be achieved.

"Our policy is firm and clear. It is that the railway freight-carrying capacity must be exploited to the full for financial, social, energy and environmental reasons", he said.

But he had a warning for the conference. There were limits to what could be done. It was too easily assumed that it was a simple matter to switch vast quantities of traffic from road to rail. It was not.

The essential requirement was the allocation of traffic to the most appropriate mode of transport *available*.

They needed a better mechanism to achieve it. "The last thing I want to do is to revive the old road versus rail controversy. That is a sterile argument. The issue today is public versus private transport. All our efforts should be going towards making the public sector reliable, efficient, economic and successful and reduce their dependence on the private car." That was why the resolution was right to draw attention to the need for more railway investment. Incredibly they were to get less, he said.

They now learnt that the Government had decided to go back on the investment levels laid down in the 1973 railway policy review. The British Railways Board was informed as late as August 25 that their investment for next year was to be cut by 10 per cent or £25m. In other words it was having to bear a quarter of the whole of the cut in the investment programmes of nationalized industries. That had produced a situation where next year's railway investment programme would be 35 per cent below the levels that were laid down in 1973.

He went on: "I am afraid that cuts of this order will mean the loss of cherished and worthwhile schemes involving electrification, resignalling and matters of that kind." Unless the policy was reversed they would not have a railway system of the required size and capability

The Government were known to be reviewing transport policy. "We are looking to the Govern*ment at the end of this year to* show us a positive direction", he said. "The morale of management and staff at British Rail is such that a positive statement is required to stop the depression in the industry."

The NEC commended the resolution. He concluded: "There are men and women in all sectors of transport—road and rail—who have invested their lives in the transport industry of this country and are waiting and ready and willing to play a full part in the development in this country's traditional policy of a fully integrated transport service." (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried.

Mr Hayward attacks masochists in party

Mr Ronald Hayward, General Secretary of the Labour Party,

Launching a membership campaign, said he was a little sick *of the political masochists* within the movement who weekend after weekend said: "please crucify me for my principles, provided I can go to television with my moans and my groans".

He reminded Labour MPs that they had been sent to Westminster by the rank and file to keep a Labour Government in office. Amid applause, he said his message to all Labour MPs was: "Please remember what they sent you there for and from whence you came. If you do that, we shall be *all right*.

"And if any one of you with a membership of your general management committee of some 50 people cannot keep 26 of them on your side, you ought to find out where the lines of communication broke down."

He said that step by step, month by month, they had agreed on policy. All had the opportunity to speak and most had done so.

"The Prime Minister was there, I was there, Wedgie was there. Mik was there. We all agreed we would conduct our business by majority decisions taken at this conference and not by fringe groups outside", he said.

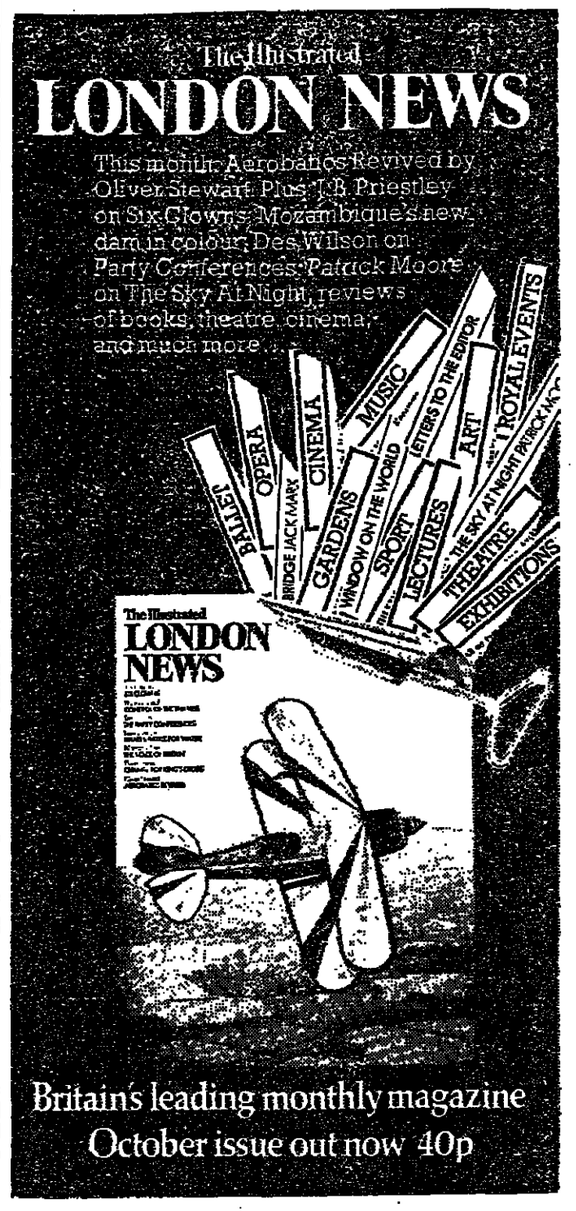
The cynicism of young people towards politicians should not be brushed aside.

"We are a democratic party", he said. "We rule by the ballot box. When we lose, we do not like it, but we accept the verdict. That is the way for Britain. It is time we occasionally said to all these rebels: 'This is the best country to live *in in the world*'."

Mr Hayward also called on the Labour movement to "stop this stupid reds under the bed business". He added: "If you are talking about political rape and you are going to look under the bed, you had better look in the wardrobe for a Tory carrying a card."

He called on the party to gather strength and not be so "doom and gloom". The going might be uphill, but they would get there. There was and always had been *this "fringe thing" in the party.* But there had always been a body of sensible people in the constituencies who could see it off without the help of the press, who wanted to support the party only when it suited them.

Mr Hayward received a standing ovation.



Decision on town hall finance is deferred

The conference heeded advice from the platform that it would be wise to await the results of the Layfield inquiry into local *government finance*, due at the end of this year, before taking up any position on the highly complex issues involved.

Opening the debate, Mr Eric Ducker (Nottingham, North) moved a resolution suggesting that a new form of domestic rate should be introduced so that the burden of rates was borne by all wage earners by means of a tax based on income. The resolution also said that locally elected people should retain control of local expenditure.

He said that for far too long a massive burden of rates had been carried by a minority of citizens. It was time to overhaul the system. Every year the rates had to be increased because too few people contributed. There should be a local tax based on income, not on property.

More money from the rates meant more for deprived families. If they thought their rates were *helping deprived people*, most people would gladly pay them. If young people were contributing to the cost of city amenities they would take more care of them.

In some homes there were several wage earners, but they paid only the same rates as the "poor old dear" next door.

Mr William Lythgoe (South-East Derbyshire) said the tax burden should be borne by those who could afford it.

The present rating system was selective and regressive. Some form of local income tax should be introduced that applied not just to house holders, but to all income tax payers. Such a system would be inflation proof; as incomes went up, so would the local tax derived from them.

Local decision-making should be left to local councillors, on whom recently more and more restraint had been imposed by central government. There would have to be *legal provision in any reform* to protect local decision-making.

Mr Colin Williams (Glasgow, Kelvingrove) moved a resolution which, in the light of the recent report on urban deprivation in areas such as West Central Scotland, requested the Government to increase the rate support grant in those areas and review the criteria on which it was based. It also called for additional funds for those areas under the urban aid scheme, additional grants to prevent cuts in housing, education and other essential social expenditure, and the provision for at least a limited period of special grants to cover the cost of local government employees' wage awards.

Replying for the NEC, Mr John Cartwright, MP for Greenwich, Woolwich, East, said, they recommended that both resolutions should be remitted to them for further consideration. It seemed *wise to await the results of the* Layfield inquiry.

It had been found that local income tax was not the sort of soft option that some people seemed to think it was. It would involve some pretty large administrative problems and would have an uncertain yield.

The Glasgow resolution seemed to be arguing that there was no room and occasion for any economies in local government spending. The fact had to be faced that local authority spending had *been about the fastest growing* sector of public expenditure for the past three years. There was a need for economies in the lower priority schemes to release resources for top priority spending.

The conference agreed that both resolutions should be remitted.

Women call for creche next year

Women delegates met the conference arrangements committee yesterday to demand crèche facilities at next year's conference.

Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, MP for Northampton, North, said: "It is outrageous that we have to ask for this. The Labour Party pays mere lip service to International Women's Year. We live not in a democracy but in a male-ocracy.

"Young women are deterred from coming because there is no provision for their babies. Those who do are not even allowed to bring their toddlers into the gallery."

National legal service is urged

The creation of a national legal service so that recourse to the law would be within the effective and obtainable reach of the whole community was urged in a resolution carried by the conference.

The Government was called upon to take action to reduce the unmet need for legal services arising from excessively low income and capital limits for legal aid: lack of adequate legal services from *private practitioners in many areas* and limitation on availability of *legal aid before tribunals and for* certain classes of legal proceedings. Extended support for law centres, legal advice centres and legal aid facilities generally were also sought.

Mr E. Presman (Brent, East) moving the resolution, said law was not justice if a substantial number of citizens were denied access to their legal rights. The kind of legal work that involved the remedies which the Labour movement had brought into effect in defence of human and personal *rights frequently provided no* profit so that work was not done in solicitors' offices and if it was done it was done reluctantly and badly.

The basis of the existing means-tested legal aid system excluded the majority of people. Like all means-tested systems it was cumbersome, slow and full of anomalies.

Mr Richard Campion (Society of Labour Lawyers) seconding, said they needed a national legal service to ensure that the law was not shrouded in mystery but could be explained to and used by everyone. For far too long the law had been detached from those it was supposed to serve. Thousands of people had rights overridden through ignorance or lack of the means to enforce them.

Mr Peter Archer, Solicitor General, said the division was between those who never missed a trick because they had access to expert advice and those who did not ring up their accountant because they had not got one or whose brother-in-law did not work in a bank.

It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the present legal aid scheme brought by the Labour Government in 1950.

They could not put right that enormous need overnight. They had to do the sums mentioned by the Chancellor on Tuesday. At present what they had to do was make better use and have better coordination of existing facilities.

In the measurable future they should aim to ensure that no one suffered deprivation or injustice simply because they lacked the means of finding out what their rights were or lacked access to someone to present their case.

Mr Brian Stanley (Post Office Engineering Union), for the national executive, said the main problem about legal aid was that there was not enough of it and consequently legal rights were going by default. In considerable areas of the law, notably those relating to housing, landlord and tenant matters and welfare services, there was a need for extra advice and assistance.

"However good our intentions may be in creating machinery for a hearing of cases, unless the advice, aid and representation are available much of the benefit of that machinery will be lost."

At present there was no legal aid for tribunals. The unions played an important part and filled some of the gap on behalf of their members.

The unions recovered £20m a year and represented some ten thousand cases with substantial success but at least 80 per cent of all appellants before tribunals were not represented.

The NEC agreed entirely that there should be wider legal aid and access to legal services without interfering with the excellent work that unions did. Discussions were taking place between the NEC and TUC to try to make sure that legal aid could be made available to those who needed it and those who were not covered by the unions in the sphere in which they operated, the majority of cases.

They wanted to make sure that the introduction of legal aid did not change the nature of the tribunals. They did not want industrial tribunals to have a legal character and a formal nature.

On his advice, the conference carried the resolution.

Union example for industry

Industry was not as well organized as the trade unions, which were one of the best examples of what could be done collectively, Mr Peter Vinson, chairman of the British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association, said at its annual meeting in London yesterday.

Mr Vinson, managing director of the military engine division, Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd said: "Seldom, it seems, does either the TUC or the smallest shop stewards' committee make a claim or enter into a discussion with management or government without first having been well briefed."

Keep Diego Garcia neutral, call to Foreign Minister

Mr Callaghan was urged by a group of Labour parliamentarians yesterday to act to keep the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia neutral.

Mr Frank Allaun led a delegation which had a 45-minute private meeting with the Foreign Secretary at Blackpool. The delegation included Lord Brockway, Mr Stanley Newens, Mr Robin Cook, Miss Josephine Richardson and two former Labour ministers, Mr Robert Hughes and Mr Norman Buchan.

The left wingers are angry because, although they had understood the Diego Garcia base was only a communications centre, it was now learnt through debates in the United States Congress that there was to be a 2½-mile runway which could take F1-11 and B52 bombers and that the Pentagon was to spend 60 million dollars there.

The Labour MPs also sought British help in resettlement and *compensation for the* 1,200 Diego Garcia islanders uprooted to make way for the American base.

It is understood Mr Callaghan was challenged about reports that Mauritian independence was given only on condition that the islands were handed over to the Americans.

The Mauritian Government, which has been resettling the islanders, has already asked for *more help. Britain has given* £650,000 so far.

After yesterday's meeting it was clear that the Foreign Secretary will face further pressure over the Diego Garcia affair when the Commons resumes later this month.

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MPs protest at absence of Ulster debate

Three MPs protested yesterday that the Ulster situation was being ignored at the conference as violence grew in the province.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, *Hillsborough*), *Mr Stanley* Thorne (Preston, South) and Mr Eric Hoyle (Nelson and Colne) said in a statement:

"It seems very sad that the Labour Party conference has literally fled from discussing this terrible problem.

"It is indeed regrettable that we shall separate from one another without recording our democratic decision on whether we think the policy of our Government on Northern Ireland is completely acceptable to the Labour Party."

One delegate yesterday unsuccessfully called for an emergency debate on Ulster.

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2. Continuation with the massive Saldhana Bay project for export of iron ore and semis.
3. Introduction of a modern container service and major extensions to harbour facilities and the railway system.
4. Some R1,050 million (at present day prices) is being invested in an oil-from-coal project, which is to have 10 times the production capacity of the present plant.
5. Phosphate concentrates production is expected to double by 1976.
6. A new Polypropylene Plant in Durban, expected capacity 50,000 tons, will be coming into production early 1978.
7. R200 million is to be invested in expanding chemical production: projects include a coal-based acetylene plant, and a polyvinyl-chloride plant.
8. The Republic's first nuclear power station is being constructed, and R915 million is being invested in coal based and hydro-electric capacity.
9. South Africa's Iron and Steel Corporation plans to increase capacity from 4 million to 11.3 million tons by 1984.

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HOME NEWS

More protection from 'small print' in contracts is sought

By Our Legal Correspondent

More protection for consumers from the "small print" in contracts, which limits their legal rights, is proposed in a report published yesterday.

The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission recommend that in a number of types of consumer transactions such exemption clauses should be void or otherwise controlled. "We are in no doubt that in many cases they operate against the public interest", the report says.

"All too often they are introduced in ways which result in the party affected by them remaining ignorant of their presence or import until it is too late. That party, even if he knows of the exemption clause, will often be unable to appreciate what he may lose by accepting it. In any case, he may not have sufficient bargaining strength to refuse to accept it", it says.

The joint report of the commissions, to which is added suggested draft legislation, is their second on this subject. In 1969 they recommended control over exemption clauses in hire purchase and sale of goods contracts. Those became law in 1973.

The latest report is an attempt to fill the gaps left by the 1973 legislation, so that the consumer can be protected across virtually the whole range of transactions in which he would normally enter. Although the report deals only with contracts that arise "in the course of business" it makes clear that that includes the activities of the professions, government departments, local authorities, and other statutory bodies.

The report concentrates on three main areas in which it says control of exemption clauses is needed. The first includes contracts for the supply (but not sale) of goods and services, for example, car hire and television rental, and contracts for repair work.

The two commissions recommend that any clause which exempts a supplier from his obligation to supply a consumer with goods fit for the purpose for which they were intended should be void.

Greater control is also proposed over clauses that exclude liability for negligence. The report lists circumstances in which it says any clause that excludes or restricts liability for death or personal injury due to negligence should be void.

The list includes: places where people could be killed or injured in an accident in the course of their employment, or while being carried as a passenger by air, sea or land, or where a lift or escalator goes wrong; or while making use of a car park. The user of a car park has little chance of negotiating the terms on which he is admitted, it says.

The Home Secretary, the report goes on, acting on the recommendation of the Director-General of Fair Trading, should have the power to add other kinds of activity

The third main area dealt with by the report concerns clauses that deprive a consumer of the benefits which he can reasonably expect from a contract he enters into.

The Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. Second Report on Exemption Clauses. (Stationery Office, £2.45.)

Reprieve for a week over agency nurses' pay

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Health authorities in difficulties involving risk to patients are to be allowed to continue to employ agency nurses for another week without reducing their rate of pay, the Department of Health said last night.

But to clear up confusion among some authorities, the department said that the terms of the circular on the phasing out of agency nurses were mandatory.

No one yet knows how many of the 4,000 agency nurses will give up completely or transfer to other fields from their part-time work in the health service.

The Royal College of Nursing said yesterday it was not only big hospitals with staffing difficulties that might be in difficulty. There were some small hospitals which relied on one experienced agency nurse to look after its patients at night. If she decided not to come in, patients would be in danger.

The college said that in interpreting the department's circular, finance officers seemed to have been inflexible and nurse administrators unprepared to stand up and fight them.

Contract accepted: Junior hospital doctors yesterday by 41 to nine accepted the pricing of their new contract by the review body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration. Calls for a referendum of all 20,000 doctors were rejected.

Regret was expressed that because of the present pay code the contract had to be priced within the money available, which meant that rates were fixed at a much lower level than was warranted by the work done. The feeling was that the community still did not recognize the worth of junior hospital doctors.

Sir Keith calls on parties to agree on primary aims

Freedom and prosperity are more important than equality, Conservative theoretician says

By Roger Berthoud

Britain lacks a strategy, and its politicians lack a common set of goals. With that sad conclusion, and his own deductions from it, Sir Keith Joseph, for nine months the Conservative Party's chief theoretician, will travel to Blackpool for next week's party conference.

"I should have thought this country will not flourish until Labour and Conservatives share a common set of primary purposes", Sir Keith said in *an interview in which he* seemed anxious to appeal to thinking men of Liberal and social democratic as well as Conservative persuasion.

"Secondary purposes can differ. The primary purposes should be freedom and prosperity. The secondary ones can include issues like the degree to which you can reduce inequality without imperilling primary policy. The trouble at the moment is that the secondary have overtaken the primary in Labour's mind."

Britain's lack of strategy had produced a constant frenzy of improvisation. 'This improvisation is intensified by the alternation of parties with different philosophies, but without coherent, let alone shared, strategies."

Neither the Civil Service, which appeared to be punch-drunk, nor the academic world, which had failed dismally to expose poor policies, seemed able to offer an intellectual counterforce, he said.

Sir Keith was talking at the *Centre for Policy Studies,* which he set up last summer as a powerhouse of new Tory thinking, principally in the economic field. In his small office in a very small house in Wilfred Street, near St James's Park, there were many reflective pauses as his All Souls intellect, his experience as a politician, and his considerable *compassion as a man sought to* achieve fusion.

It is the fluctuating dominance of those separate elements which has helped to make Sir Keith something of an enigma, now seeming to stand left of centre, now on the right. Consistently endearing is his readiness to admit mistakes, and his very un-British quest for first principles.

Given that tendency, it is not surprising that even 14 months of gestation have failed to produce fully developed policies in time for the party conference, at which he expects inflation, unemployment, education, crime and the trade unions to be the main themes.

The Centre for Policy Studies, he emphasized, had longer and wider perspectives, and was addressing itself also to Liberals and social democrats: the Liberals, he believes, stand to lose most as the voter contemplates the increasingly stark choice between more state intervention and more freedom of choice

He welcomed the recent emergence of the Tory Reform Group, widely seen as a "progressive" antidote to the attitudes of Sir Keith and Mrs Thatcher. "Anything that encourages the discussion of *problems in terms of cause* and effect rather than in terms of symptoms is greatly to the benefit of this country."

Sir Keith Joseph: quest for first principles.

Too much political debate was about the symptoms. Party shibboleths and lack of agreement stood in the way of action. The fascinating question, he thought, was to what extent there was a common diagnosis between individuals on either side of the House on fundamental problems beneath the shibboleths.

He cited housing as a tragic issue over which politicians had "tied themselves in knots at the expense of millions of people". "The lack of choice in housing is one of the cruellest politically imposed punishments that political ideology has clamped on the people

He felt sure that "a man like Crosland" (the Secretary of State for the Environment) would like to be freed from Labour Party shibboleths that *insisted on rent* controls, no profits for landlords and total security for tenants, which have dried up the accommodation market.

In the economic field, Sir Keith thought the main essential was to get both parties to agree that *business* needs stable expectations for a generation, with minimum inflation, maximum fair competition, incentives for success, and the Receiver for the failures.

"The Receiver is a punishment for investors and top management. In a healthy economy, workers should have a choice of jobs. But that brings one back to housing, and to retraining, to which we have paid only lip service."

Neither business nor the unions could be blamed for their present attitudes and performance. They were simply responding to the climate that successive governments had created: a climate of inflation, nationalized industries, subsidies and rescues, a climate so remote from the *market* that distribution was seen as the only problem.

Common to those who moulded current stereotypes—school teachers, journalists and politicians—was a lack of understanding of the wealth-creating process, a shortcoming found neither in peasant societies nor among our main competitors abroad. Sir Keith seemed to come close to saying that "small is beautiful" when he lamented the mammoth size of present-day units, especially in the nationalized industries. That aggravated difficulties of communication between decision-takers, management and workers, he thought.

"We have to bring in competition and remove taxpayers' subsidies where we can, and above all try to explain the basic reality of life, that independence, freedom and prosperity are best served by decentralized decision-making and competition."

He regretted that the relation between profit and loss and freedom had been so much better understood by the governments and civil services of France and West Germany. In Britain the lesson deduced from rescues and subsidies after overmanning, strikes and strike threats, and managerial concessions to them, was that there was no need to be sensible. Thus the "debauch of reality" continued.

But the true reality was that the Government could rescue some jobs only by imperilling others through increased taxes or printing money. Every time it raised taxes it reduced spending power and thus jeopardized jobs.

"So you get a dramatic saving of jobs in one place and a haemorrhage of jobs all over the country invisibly."

Sir Keith's hope seems to be that agreement among reasonable men about the bases of a *social market economy* could give Britain the sort of continuity of economic development from which countries like West Germany and Sweden have benefited, with social progress marching hand in hand with prosperity. Next *week will show whether the* Conservative Party, for one, shares that vision.

More foreign doctors fail

Sixty-eight of 108 foreign doctors who took the fourth set of examinations in English language and clincial competence last week failed the General Medical Council announced yesterday.

The failure rate, 62 per cent is about the same as in the first three examinations, which were introduced in June because of fears that many foreign doctors practising in Britain were not sufficiently competent.

Curb public spending, Selsdon Group demands

By Geoffrey Browning

Britain's lurch towards hyper-inflation would be irreversible unless Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, took immediate action, the Conservative Selsdon Group, which advocates a market economy, claimed yesterday.

The group said in a statement that Treasury figures showed that while last year the Government met its bills by borrowing from the oil producers and persuading people to buy gilt-edged securities, it had now reverted to the simple expedient of printing money.

The remedy should be the application of rigid and publicly announced cash limits throughout central and local government and the nationalized industries. That would ensure that wage and salary increases were paid for by long overdue economies in manpower.

Mr Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, called yesterday for present estimates of public expenditure to be cut by £8,000m over the next two years. "Overwhelmingly", he said, "that operation has to be performed on the capital side."

Speaking to the Young Chartered Accountants' Group in London, he said the brunt and initial impact would be borne by the construction and ancillary industries, but there would be no lasting net effect on the volume of employment in general.

There would be no deflation because if the Government spent no more than it received from taxation or borrowing it would not have to create money and cause inflation. If it spent less than its revenue it could simply pump the excess into circulation by repaying debts.

Mr Powell also called for immediate removal of all controls on taking money out of the country.

Democracy: The Conservative Party's prime responsibility must be to restore respect for democratic institutions, as the only guarantee of a free and stable society; according to the Bow Group, which claims support across the Conservative spectrum.

In its programme for the Conservative Party conference week, the group says that it concentrate on key policy a Those are: housing, employment, industrial relations the role and authority democratically elected Parliament at Westminster and eventually in Europe.

The group welcome the political debate in all parties provoked by the scale of Britain's economic problems, in contrast to the consensus of the 1960s. This recognizes, the group feels, that everyone bears some responsibility for decisions that shape society, but puts a premium on Parliament's role and the importance of democratic methods of making choices.

Inflation must be controlled and the scope of government intervention reduced to what can be afforded, the programme argues. Industry should not be restricted, regenerated or reorganized for ideological ends. The group believes that the Conservative Party is ideally placed to offer an alternative to socialism, but that its policies will convince only if they are seen to be rooted in the unity of the party.

Porcelain price expectations exceeded

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Richly decorated nineteenth-century Canton porcelain made for Persian clients ran to prices well beyond Sotheby's Belgravia's expectations yesterday. There was a Canton bowl and stand, respectively 9in and 11in in diameter, which made £1,200, against an estimate of £250-£500. It is dated 1882 and is inscribed in Persian "By order of his majesty, the most happy, the most excellent, the highest, the most noble, the sublime Sultan Mas'ud Mirza, amen to his dominion, the Zill al-Sultan".

A second, slightly smaller bowl and stand with the same inscription made £900 (estimate £200-£400). Both were bought by the Mansour Gallery.

The top price in the sale was paid by the Teheran dealer, Hadji Baba, at £6,500 (estimate £6,000-£12,000) for a pair of Canton vases more than four feet high. The price is one of the highest on record for Canton porcelain.

There were also particularly high prices for Japanese cloisonné enamel. A four-foot faceted vase of around 1900 decorated with flowers and foliage made £1,800 (estimate £500-£1,000). Even small vases were fetching big prices: a seven-inch vase with maple trees and chrysanthemums on a dark blue ground made £200 (estimate £70-£140).

Prices for oriental silver were also exceptionally high. A Japanese punch bowl of about 1900 (39 oz) decorated with chased and repoussé chrysanthemums made £340 (estimate £100-£200). A Burmese silver bowl of unusual quality elaborately decorated in high relief with elephants, musicians, kings and courtiers (53 oz) made £380 (estimate £200-£400). Three massive Chinese figures of immortals (155 oz of silver) dating from the early 1920s were nearer expectations at £900 (estimate £800-£1,600).

A Sotheby silver sale in Bond Street brought prices much in line with estimates. The top price was £1,200 (estimate £800-£1,200) for four Georgian table candlesticks (82 oz). Only five lots were unsold.

Their sale of Old Master drawings had a few high prices and a few bargains. P. Rabin paid prices well beyond expectations for a group of Giacomo Guardi views of Venice; he paid a top price of £600 for one pair of views (estimate £200-£400). Among the bargains was an eighteenth-century view of Tivoli in ink, chalk and wash at £8 (estimate £30-£50).

Christie's furniture sale was well attended and only 20 per cent or so of the £63,944 total was unsold. The top price was £1,523, paid by Phillips and Harris for a late George II mahogany library armchair, nicely carved and covered with eighteenth-century embroidery.

In Phillips' sale of musical instruments Schroeder paid the top price of £4,200 (estimate £3,000) for a late-nineteenth-century violin by Tommaso Eberle of Naples. A violin by Hippolyte Silvestre (Paris 1892) went to Zaure for £1,250 (estimate £1,000).

Social workers 'may cause more baby battering'

From Pat Healey
Social Services Correspondent
Edinburgh

The incidence of baby battering is probably increased by anxious social workers visiting families, Mr William Jordan, a social work lecturer at Exeter University, asserted yesterday.

Publicity had increased the reporting of child abuse, Mr Jordan told the annual conference of the British Association of Social Workers. Social workers had to investigate every allegation. But too often they treated the families not as full and equal citizens but as "welfare cases" who were deprived or odd in some visible way.

Their approach was less than frank; they never stated the precise purpose of the visit but used it as a vague investigation of the family's welfare.

If difficulties about child care emerged, the social worker was likely to treat them as requests for a service from the "welfare pantry—day care, play groups, holidays—or priority on *the housing list". If the social* worker became anxious that child cruelty was a risk, the family could become a case to be visited in a vague, supervisory way.

Mr Jordan said research showed that "as applied to baby battering, anxious visiting by social workers of families actually increases battering. In the tragic cases we have all heard too much about, the clients were not new referrals who had not been investigated quickly enough, but cases known for a considerable period."

The tendency for social workers to treat their clients as welfare cases led to offering them a kind of parental support, a buffer from reality, Mr Jordan said. But sooner or later the clients began to kick out against dishonesties and deceptions.

"Quite justifiably they make our lives hell for us", Mr Jordan said. "They also often act out their rebellious anger with us on their children."

Record of plant where men were gassed defended

ISC Alloys Ltd, of Friars Road, Bloxwich, near Walsall, which produced the zinc residue used in the metal recovery process factory where seven workmen were overcome by arsine gas, said yesterday that the residue had been produced since 1929 without any history of dangerous contaminants. There had been no material change in its constituents.

Three of the men, Mr David Sheldon, aged 19, of Stafford Street, Market Drayton, Mr Michael Jones, aged 21, of Westlands Road, Market Drayton, and Mr Roger Hassall, aged 21, of Queen Street, Whitchurch, were taken from Shrewsbury to the Stoke-on-Trent Hospital on Wednesday Yesterday their condition was "very poorly".

The firm stated that to the best of its knowledge there was nothing in the residue which would cause such reaction. However, it was undertaking an exhaustive analysis of the material to discover whether there were any contaminants.

Imperial Tobacco to drop insignia on racing cars

By Patricia Tisdall

In a last-minute attempt to prevent tougher legislation, Imperial Tobacco, one of the largest cigarette manufacturers, has made another major concession to the demand by the Department of Health and Social Security for curbs on advertising.

The group has agreed to remove its brand insignia from sponsored racing cars and power boats. Imperial, whose Players and Embassy brands are the market leaders, has already agreed that advertising signs may be covered up by television broadcasting crews covering sporting events.

The new concession has been made before a fresh round of talks due to start between the tobacco industry and officials of the department next week. It is understood that Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health, would like to see all sponsorship of sports by tobacco companies abolished. He is prevented from demanding that by sporting event organizers who have no alternative source of funds.

The tobacco industry has recently agreed to a number of other requests made by Dr Owen. It is prepared, for instance, to include the tar yield category on cigarette packets as well as in advertisements. It is also prepared not to include cigarette coupons in high tar yield categories, and to accept some restraints in cinema advertising generally.

Specific areas of contention which remain include a refusal by the manufacturers to remove coupons from the middle tar groups, which account for by far the largest proportion of sales. They are also unwilling to strengthen the health warning on their products.

Dr Owen would like to see the warning amended to read: "Smoking causes . . .", followed by a list of specific diseases, such as lung cancer and bronchitis.

Legislation is being planned similar to that controlling medicines

Committee to allocate time for Bills urged

By Our Political Staff

A Commons committee to consider the amount of parliamentary time given to legislation was suggested yesterday by Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham and a former junior minister.

In a speech at Reading he said that Parliament "was getting indigestion from the amount of legislation being forced down its throat". Consideration should be given to a permanent mechanism for allocating time to Bills.

Opposition MPs might claim that delay was the only weapon open to them, but a Government could easily impose a guillotine. His proposal could result in more time being made available to the Opposition.

Most margarine to cost 2p a pound more

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Increases of 2p a pound on most brands of margarine have been announced immediately after the latest EEC-inspired rises for butter. Van den Berghs and Jurgens, which makes most of the well known brands, including Stork, Echo and Flora, said that prices of oils and fats had started to rise again.

But some "own label" margarine will be unchanged for some weeks. Cooperative societies are to hold their "own label" prices steady and other supermarket chains will do the same in some areas.

Meat and fish prices will show little change this weekend but those of frozen poultry have crept upwards in the past few days. The cheapest frozen broiler chicken will probably cost only 25p a pound, but most will cost 29p or more.

Home-grown fruit is now in surprisingly good condition. Traders report that the flavour of English Cox apples is excellent for this early stage in their season. Bramley cookers have also turned out well and cost between 12p and 16p a pound.

Root vegetables are good, but their prices are high. Early swedes now cost more than loose carrots in many shops, and young parsnips are appearing at 16p a pound or more. Mr John Raistrick, secretary of the Ipswich Wholesale Traders' Association, said yesterday: "We always have to pay for a good summer."

He said that it was hard to find enough cabbages in Suffolk and that other green vegetables, especially early sprouts, were expensive. He added that King Edward potatoes cost as little as 6p a pound *loose in Ipswich.* That is a penny or two lower than in many areas, while those sold in plastic bags by supermarkets may cost as much as 10p a pound.

Salad vegetables offer good value now in view of the high prices of other varieties, with reasonably good tomatoes at about 14p a pound and fair lettuces from 5p each. There is plenty of celery at 13p or 14p a head. Cucumbers are steady at 14p to 18p each. Some good beetroot is available at 12p to 15p a pound cooked, and some spring onions for 10p to 12p a bunch. Avocado pears remain expensive at a minimum of 22p each, and chicory is still extremely dear at well over 50p a pound.

Green peppers are low at 25p to 32p a pound but courgettes have risen slightly to about 22p a pound. The best aubergines cost at least 40p a pound, but there are some quite good specimens for only 25p.

Spirit drinking rose by 56 pc in 3 years

Drinking of spirits in Britain increased by 56 per cent between 1971 and 1974, the latest Ministry of Agriculture food consumption estimates show. In the same period wine drinking rose by 34 per cent, but beer consumption went up by only just over 8 per cent.

Each person in Britain drank an average 4.7 proof pints of spirits in 1974, compared with three pints in 1971.

Wine drinking increased from 7.7 pints a head in 1971 to 11.8 pints in 1974, and during the same period beer consumption rose from 185.2 pints each to 200.9 pints.

Consumption of meat, eggs and fish fell in 1974, but that was offset by increases in dairy products, sugar, and oils andd fats.

Colin Cowdrey fined

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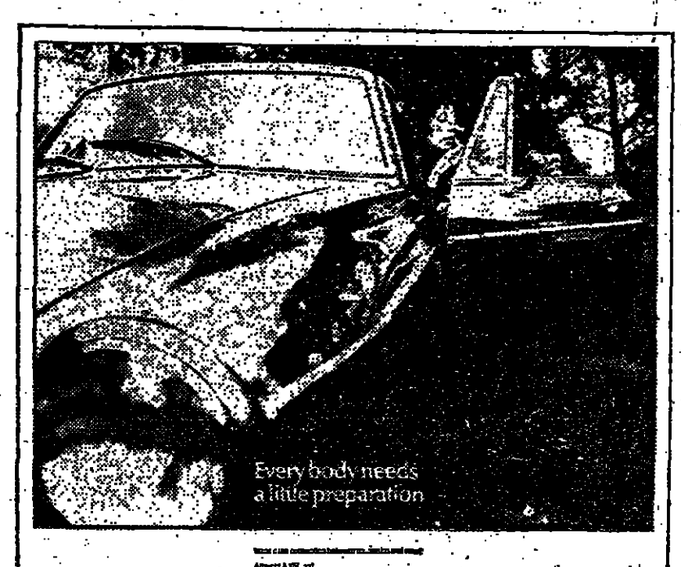

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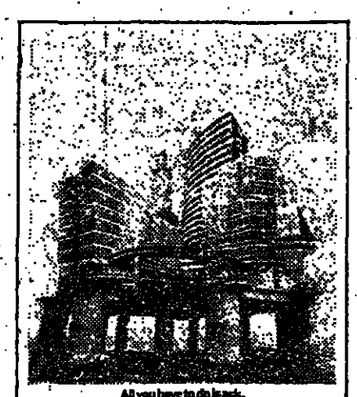

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WEST EUROPE

Spain closes posts on Portuguese frontier

From Michael Knipe
Lisbon, Oct 2

Traffic across the Portuguese-Spanish frontier was being subjected to particularly rigorous formalities today by the Spanish authorities.

The Portuguese Foreign Ministry denied reports that Spain had closed the border to all commercial traffic but said that both commercial and private vehicles were being thoroughly searched. Lorries were passing through at the rate of one every 20 minutes.

Traffic was stopped entirely by the Spanish authorities at two frontier posts in the south because of what they regarded as offensive posters displayed on the Portuguese side. In response the Portuguese authorities ordered the removal of the posters and advised Spain of their action. This evening they were awaiting the reopening of the frontier.

One of the closed posts was at Vila Real de Santo Antonio, the southernmost crossing point, and the other was at Vila Verde de Ficalho south-east of Lisbon.

Portuguese-Spanish relations have been seriously strained by the execution of the five revolutionaries in Spain last week and by the consequent ransacking of the Spanish Embassy in Lisbon and four consulates. Spain has withdrawn all its diplomats except for a chargé d'affaires, but the Portuguese Ambassador has remained in Madrid.

The implications of a Spanish embargo on Portuguese traffic are serious for the Lisbon Government. Although direct trade betwen the two neighbours is relatively slight, Portugal relies heavily on its land links through Spain for contact with the rest of Europe.

Fears expressed last night by the Portuguese Socialist Party of an imminent coup d'etat by extreme left-wing elements had proved groundless by today and the alert was being dismissed as "alarmist" by military authorities and the Communist Party.

Michael Hornsby writes from Brussels: Major Melo Antunes, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, and Senhor Jorge Campinos, the Foreign Trade Minister, will meet foreign ministers of the Nine in Luxembourg next Tuesday to discuss a programme of financial aid which the EEC is now reported to be ready to grant to Portugal.

At their July summit in Brussels EEC heads of government agreed that any grant of large-scale aid to Portugal should be dependent on the establishment there of a "pluralist democracy"

Minister explains democracy Spanish style

Eight political associations approved to act within the 'Movement'

From Edward Mortimer
Madrid, Oct 2

So far from being authoritarian or dictatorial, the Spanish political system is "quite democratic" in the view of Señor José Solis Ruiz, the member of the Spanish Government responsible for "the Movement", which is the framework for all officially permitted political activity in Spain.

In future, Señor Solis said last night in an interview with *The Times*, the system would be "as perfect and democratic as any other European system. After all, other systems too have their limitations and M Pierre Mendès-France in his book *La République Moderne* recommends a system more similar to that of Spain than to those of other countries."

Under a Bill which Señor Solis expects to become law within about three weeks, the *Cortes (or Spanish House of Commons)* will be wholly elective, with the exception of 25 members (out of more than 600) nominated by the head of state.

The other members will be elected representatives of the official trade unions (*sindicatos*) in which elections of officials were now in progress, all workers being entitled to vote; of town and provincial councils, which under the new law will be directly elected by *universal suffrage and for the first time* will choose their own mayors and presidents; of families, two deputies being elected by heads of families in each province; and of various professional bodies.

When I pointed out that this arrangement would still not include any members directly elected to the Cortes by universal suffrage, Señor Solis replied: "A more direct and more democratic system doesn't exist."

He went on to explain that the "political associations" authorized under a law passed at the end of last year were entitled to present candidates in all elections. It was thus not impossible that political groups would form in the new Cortes which is to be elected in March, cutting across the present division into "organic" groups.

The law on political associations has been much criticized for being too narrowly conceived, as it allows political activity only under the supervision of the National Council of the Movement, which also acts as the Second Chamber of the Spanish Parliament.

But Señor Solis said that the Movement itself had changed its character under the new dispositions. From now on it would be composed of "the total number of people participating in political life". Anyone taking part in politics would *ipso facto* be a member *of the Movement without having* to take out any kind of formal membership or to subscribe to the Movement's distinctive philosophy, which Señor Solis defined as a synthesis of "traditionalist" ideas with those of José Antonio Primo de Rivera (the founder of the Falange).

Señor José Solis Ruiz: Spanish system is "quite democratic".

All that was required of the new associations was that they "must exist within the constitutional system of Spain" and "accept the political constitution of our system". It was *not compulsory for them to be* within the framework of the Movement.

Eight associations had been approved so far, Señor Solis said, and two more were expected to be approved in the near future. One association called itself Christian Democratic, another claimed to represent the centre, and today Señor Solis was due to receive a group from the *sindicatos* who proposed to form an association calling itself the "New Left of Spain".

There was also an association whose members belonged to "the socialist trend", but communism remained outside the law.

I asked about Fedisa, the association formed by Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the present Spanish Ambassador in London, with other figures representing the liberal wing of the regime.

Señor Solis said that this was not a political association but a limited company, whose objects must by law be economic rather than political.

A limited company was perfectly entitled to publish a newspaper, with the permission of the Information Ministry.

Finally I asked Señor Solis whether he accepted the popular view of himself as a representative of the "bunker"—the group of last-ditch opponents of change. He denied it strongly, saying that in the *past few years he had been* one of those working to start a transformation of the regime.

Basques criticize Vatican's action

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Oct 2

A leader of the Basque separatist organization ETA said today that the Pope could have saved the lives of the five Spaniards executed last Saturday by going personally to Madrid. The Pope's four appeals for clemency for the condemned men were "a step forward, but not enough", he said.

The man, who would not disclose his name, was speaking at a press conference on behalf of a party of eight Basques—four ETA members and four relatives of alleged guerrillas awaiting trial. With him was Señora Agur Mugica Arregui, wife of an ETA member charged with involvement in the assassination in 1973 of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco, the Spanish Prime Minister.

The group, he said, had slipped out of Spain to appeal to all the governments of Europe and to the Vatican to prevent the execution of 11 Basques about to be tried. They would press for complete political, diplomatic and economic isolation of the Spanish régime.

The spokesman added that it was too late for Spain to change by peaceful means. "Besides, I know of no case when a fascist regime has become democratic of its own accord." But he did not think that Spain was in for another civil war. "It will not be so serious."

The Pope had a long conversation this morning with Cardinal Enrique y Tarancón, the Archbishop of Madrid, apparently about the deep rift between the Holy See and the Franco regime over the executions.

The Vatican disclosed that the Pope had sent his condolences to the families of the three policemen assassinated in Madrid yesterday. The Vatican spokesman pointed out that while criticizing the executions, the Pope had also condemned political terrorism.

Air, sea, Telex and telephone communications between Italy and Spain were stopped for the whole of the day by a boycott of port, airport and telecommunications workers in protest against the executions.

Our Foreign Staff writes: As groups of workers in many European countries yesterday staged token stoppages in protest at the Spanish executions, a group of dockers in Hull were preparing to leave today for a holiday in Spain, in spite of the advice of Mr Jack Jones of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

At the same time the port's 2,000 dockers were blacking all cargo to and from Spain.

The call for a boycott of Spanish aircraft received faint-hearted support at Heathrow Airport, but Iberia Airlines cancelled flight from Madrid and Barcelona to Rome, Milan and Copenhagen. In Brussels, passengers arriving by Iberia Airlines had to carry their own luggage.

At Strasbourg members of the Council of Europe attacked the executions but several felt that acts of terrorism should also be condemned. Opinions were mixed on whether West European governments were justified in temporarily recalling their ambassadors.

Some speakers expressed the fear that simply to condemn the executions and the repression of human rights might be seen as approval of terrorist acts.

All the speakers condemned the secret military trials as violating legal principles and human rights.

Norway to extend fishing limit

From Our Correspondent
Oslo, Oct 2

Norway intends to extend its fishing limits and create a 200-miles "economic zone" soon, King Olav announced in his speech from the throne when he opened the new session of the Storting (Parliament) today.

The Government would also keep open the possibility of "other actions" to protect its fishermen, resources and Norwegian interests. The wording is interesting since there is an unwillingness in Norway to take unilateral action. Other forms of extension of jurisdiction are apparently in mind as well.

The speech also referred to planned cuts in the working week and longer holidays for older employees.

France and Italy face lobster 'war'

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Oct 2

A fresh outbreak of gastronomic strife with France after the clash over wine is suggested in reports from northern Sardinia where fishermen specializing in coral and lobsters *complain of harassment* by the French authorities.

The centre of these complaints is the town of Santa Teresa di Gallura which looks across the strait of Bonifacio to Corsica and is famous for its lobsters.

The fishermen maintain that the French authorities have arbitrarily extended their jurisdiction from three miles to 12 miles *and that Italian fishermen have* on several recent occasions been ordered by French patrol boats into Bonifacio where they have been fined.

They maintain that no warning was given about the change. They also point out that as Italy abides by the three-mile rule the Italian fishermen are left with a very restricted area whereas the Corsicans have almost unlimited fishing grounds in the strait.

Before the French decision, they say, they fished alongside Corsican fishermen without incident. There is, in fact, a fairly close affinity between the islanders: their dialects are near enough for them to make themselves understood.

The Sardinian region refused this year to extend the lobster fishing season to the end of September. The Corsicans, however, were allowed to fish until Tuesday. They were also subjected to much less stringent limits on size. The Sardinian fisherman may take only lobsters of 30 cm (just under 12in) or more.

Clearly some attempt at an agreement on the use of the coral and lobster beds is of some urgency if bad feeling is not to be created between Sardinians and Corsicans during the next shellfish season.

Soviet visit to Romania

Vienna, Oct 2.—Mr Konstantin Katushev, a Soviet party official in charge of relations with other ruling communist parties, is visiting Bucharest for talks with Romanian party leaders.

Fleet Street wonders if Brussels can help it out

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Oct 2

The British national newspaper industry is shortly to apply for financial aid from the European Community to help it over its economic difficulties.

After contacts between Fleet Street and officials of the European Commission in Brussels, the industry is expected to ask for retraining grants from the Community's social fund. The fund, which totals about £160m this year, is used to promote employment opportunities and facilitate mobility by supporting training programmes.

One section of the fund is earmarked specifically to help companies affected by technical progress and it is from this that Fleet Street apparently hopes to benefit.

The request is expected to be submitted by the Newspaper Publishers' Association (NPA) with the support of the unions and the Department of Employment. All applications for aid have to be sponsored by the public authorities

Ailing newspapers in other parts of the Community will be interested to see how Fleet Street fares with its application. The acceptance of this test case would undoubtedly encourage some of them to follow suit.

Our Labour Staff writes: Mr John Dixey, director of the NPA, said yesterday: "I have made low level approaches to the Department of Employment to find out what is the procedure for applying. I do not know what individual companies may be doing on their own initiative.

Stolen paintings worth £3m found on train

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Oct 2

A parcel of seven stolen paintings worth £3m has been found on a luggage rack of the Riviera Express just after the train crossed into West Germany from Switzerland.

Revenue officials in Baden-Württemberg said that at least some of the pictures, found wrapped in brown paper, had been stolen during a raid on the Modern Art Gallery in Milan in May, when 38 works were taken. There was no clue as to how they had come to be on the train, which was travelling to Amsterdam from Ventimiglia in Italy. No arrest has been made.

The paintings had been cut out of their frames and were badly damaged, but art experts are in no doubt about their authenticity. They include a Cézanne and a Van Gogh.

Village butcher pays £220,000 to free daughter

Hagondange, France, Oct 2.—Kidnappers last night released unharmed a 12-year-old girl hours after her parents paid a 2m francs (£220,000) ransom. A manhunt then began for the kidnappers.

A masked man had grabbed the girl, Valerie Ruppert, in full view of scores of other children, as she cycled near the gates of her school on Tuesday morning. The children said Valerie, the daughter of a village butcher, was dragged into a car driven by a woman who covered her face with a scarf.

Immediately after the girl was freed, police began a manhunt throughout the area of France near the West German and Luxembourg borders. There was no immediate information about the girl's release or details of her imprisonment.—AP.

Soviet doctors fear KGB, Mrs Sakharova says

From Nicholas Bethell
Florence, Oct 2

Mrs Ludmilla Sakharova, the wife of the dissident Soviet physicist Dr Andrei Sakharov, gave a press conference today in Florence where she is convalescing after an eye operation.

Mrs Sakharova spoke movingly of her struggle to obtain permission to visit the West for her operation. "It is not that we do not gave good eye surgeons in the Soviet Union", she said. "We have many of them. But the doctors were afraid and nervous, because my presence in their hospitals was under the control of the KGB.

Eventually, after long negotiations, Mrs Sakharova was allowed to leave for Italy. Her operation has been a success.

Mrs Sakharova noted that she was familiar with all her husband's work in the social field and the defence of human rights. "Every day people visit us needing help or advice, people we know and people we don't know. Sometimes all they need is a friendly word and a bit of sympathy.

"Among them there are people whom they call dissidents, also religious people. . . . The relatives of people condemned for political reasons come to see us, and to seek Andrei's advice."

She appealed for funds to help the children of political prisoners in the Soviet Union. The basis of this fund was an international prize awarded to Professor Sakharov, but she asked well-wishers to send money to Rothschild's Bank in Paris, account No. *073486200186.*

She then read a statement dictated to her by her husband over the telephone from Moscow which called for an amnesty for all political prisoners in the Soviet Union. This would be desirable, especially after the recent Helsinki conference on European security.

OVERSEAS

Mr Kosygin promises to guarantee Israel's existence

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Oct 2

The Soviet Union supports unequivocably the inviolability of Israel's frontiers and is prepared to guarantee its integrity, provided the Israelis withdraw to their 1967 frontiers and conform to United Nations resolutions.

In an interview with Mr Sargent Shriver, the United States Democratic presidential aspirant, Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, reviewed the whole spectrum of American-Soviet relations. He claimed that the very idea of creating the Jewish state had originated in Russia.

He deplored the continued arms race, saying that the expenditures on arms were far too great and a tremendous waste of energy and money, especially as all the expensive weapons produced would be obsolete in a few years.

He blamed the arms race on the United States insistence on being the most powerful. This, he said, forced the Soviet Union into unavoidable competition.

Turning to economic matters, Mr Kosygin said Russia expects to increase its trade with America to $10,000m (about £5,000m) during the 1976-80 five-year plan. He specified that this figure would not include Soviet purchases of American grain, at present being discussed with a United States delegation in Moscow.

Mr Kosygin indicated that Russia was prepared to negotiate long-term agreements for the purchase of United States grain and the sale of Soviet oil to America in order to stabilize prices. But, he added, the Russians do not wish to link the two commodities in a barter arrangement. There were other preferable ways of financing purchases on a commercial basis.

He showed an apparent willingness to pay cash for much of what the Russians buy from the United States pending a renewal of previous banking arrangements.

The main purpose of Mr Shiver's visit to Moscow this time was not connected with his presidential aspirations. He came as representative of a French consortium which for some time has been negotiating for the building of hotels in Moscow with an eye on the *1980 Olympics. Mr Shriver was* United States Ambassador to France from 1968 to 1970.

After many meetings over the past two years, the contract has been drawn up and is ready for signature by the President Giscard d'Estaing when he visits the Soviet Union later this year. It calls for the building of an 1,800-room four-star hotel with all the luxury frills.

The cost is reckoned at $120m (about £60m), 80 per cent of which would be in the form of a French Government loan. Work will start next spring, and the contract calls for completion in 42 weeks.

The Russians are negotiating with about 16 foreign companies, including American, British, French, Italian, West German, Japanese and Yugoslav on other hotel projects.

US delay on Sinai poses problems for both sides

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Oct 2

Congressional delay in approving the posting of American technicians to Sinai is posing problems for Israel and Egypt. *It seems certain* that approval will be withheld until the middle of next week and this may hold up the putting into effect of the interim agreement between Israel and Egypt.

On Sunday 10 Egyptian civilian technicians are due to enter the Ras Sudar area south of Suez to acquaint themselves with the facilities. Under the interim agreement oil will begin to flow to Egypt from Ras Sudar, the first area to be vacated by Israel, on November 5, and the handing over ceremony will be on November 15.

The official view in Jerusalem is that the dispute in Congress over the disclosure of the secret undertakings given by Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, to both sides need not delay the timetable by more than a few days. The immediate question is whether the Egyptian technicians can be admitted to Ras Sudar on Sunday.

The Israel Government has refused to complete the signing of the interim agreement until congressional approval has been given for American experts to man the early warning stations in the Sinai passes. It has also made clear that carrying out the agreement will not begin until previous undertakings to Israel have been met, including the passage of Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal.

Washington: Dr Kissinger and the Senate foreign relations committee today failed to resolve differences over publication of American assurances related to the Sinai agreement.

Dr Kissinger told reporters the Administration had submitted to the committee three weeks ago "all the documents that we believe contain assurances and commitments by the United States". He and the committee had been going through the documents in a systematic manner but it was a "time-consuming process".—AP.

Independence next year for Transkei

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Oct 2

The Transkei will become independent on October 26 next year, Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, the homeland's leader, announced in Umtata today. It will be the first of South Africa's 10 Bantustans to gain its "independence" from the republic.

The Transkei covers an area of 14,000 square miles in the south-east of the country. It is the homeland for the country's three million Xhosas, although only about half of them live there. The rest live and work in the white-controlled areas.

At present, the Transkei has self-governing status with its own parliament, opposition party and local government.

MPLA refuses to attend Angola talks

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Oct 2

A security cordon was put round the Kampala conference centre where delegates from eight member-states of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) were sitting as the OAU's conciliation commission on Angola today.

Foreign journalists were detained and questioned outside the centre but later released with warnings to stay away. There is no indication of progress, and only two of the Angolan movements have so far arrived—FNLA and MPLA. Dr Augostino Neto, the MPLA leader, speaking in Luanda, has said his representatives will not attend the commission, but will merely explain the MPLA position to President Amin, as chairman of the OAU.

Communications centre in Addis Ababa damaged

Addis Ababa, Oct 2.—A bomb exploded outside the telecommunications building in Addis Ababa at 5.50am today causing extensive damage but no casualties.

Glass and debris littered the street. Scarceley a window was left whole in any building within 50 yards of the explosion. International Telex and telephone services were temporarily cut but resumed later.

Among the groups suspected of responsibility are the Eritreans, who have been fighting 14 years for independence and were held responsible for two explosions last December. Other possible suspects are left-wing workers and students who on Monday staged an abortive general strike, leading the Military Government to declare a state of emergency.—Reuter.

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The Company has been formed with a Capital of $400,000,000, in 40,000 shares of $1,000 each. Half of these shares have been subscribed by Egypt, i.e., $200,000,000. Saudi Arabia, the Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have subscribed for $60,000,000 each and Qatar subscribed for $20,000,000.

The object of the Company is the construction and the running of Pipe-Lines for the transportation of mineral oil from the Gulf of Suez to the Mediterranean Sea.

A few weeks ago the Head-Office of the Company was transferred to its present new site, on top of which the flags of the five countries raise their united symbol in "Madinat Al Mohandesin". The visitor to its premises will be impressed with the quiet and tranquillity which pervade all the area where it is situated. But this should not create a false impression. Such tranquillity does not in any way refrain or slow down the beehive activity which is characteristic of the Pipe-Line works, all along its lay-out-tracing from Suez to Alexandria.

The "Sumed Pipe-Line" is one of the largest Oil Pipe-Line Schemes actually under construction in all the Arab Countries and it comprises a great number of sub-contracts.

Construction of the Pipe-Line:

The main item is, of course, the large diameter, thick, heavy-weight cast-iron pipes, such as there are none comparable in other Arab Countries. These pipes are to be soldered together to form the Pipe-Line. They are to be coated with isolating layers of a plastic product "Polyethylene" for their aground sections and incased in reinforced concrete for their sea-immersed sections. The total weight of these pipes will reach the impressive figure of 196,252 tons. Each pipe will measure from 11 to 13 metres in length and weigh approximately 4 tons. But those that will be immersed in the sea will weigh 25 tons each, including the reinforced concrete casing, because their diameter is larger, reaching in some parts 48 inches, equal to 122 centimetres, as against a diameter of 42 inches, equal to 106.6 centimetres for the pipes laid aground.

A time-table has been set for the shipment of the pipes from the factories to the port of Alexandria and for their immediate transportation on ferries especially constructed for such bulky heavy-weight cargoes, to sites specially arranged to ease the flow of work and its dynamics, where each two pipe-lengths are soldered together and thence transported to the site where they are to be laid out.

In accordance with this time-table, the total length of the pipes already received at the port of Alexandria until mid-July reached the figure of 460 kilometres, that is about two thirds of the total length of pipes required.

Ground Preparation:

In connection with the laying out of the pipes, it is necessary to prepare the ground along the designed pipeline route. This route begins at the Red Sea Coast. It passes through a difficult mountainous region to reach the heart of the industrial Meadi-Helouan region. There it crosses the Nile River, passes through agricultural zones in Badrashein to reach the desert and continue on its way through the agricultural land reclamation area of Amriah and through Lake Mariout to end at Sidi Crair.

This long route of 320 kilometres has required and still requires preparation and efforts to surmount all the obstacles and difficulties it meets, such as steep mountains and agricultural lands with thousands of date trees and hundreds of irrigation canals and drainage dykes. For example, in the agricultural land reclamation area of Amriah, the route crosses 419 canals the depth of which varies from 2 to 3 metres and naturally across such canals the line has to be sunk under them at a greater depth. The Pipe-Line to be laid about 90 centimetres underground from its beginning to its end, but crossing the canals it is to be sunk at least 25 centimetres under the canal bottom. In the Alexandria area 966 thousand cubic metres of ground had to be dug and moved away to level the Pipe-Line route at the required depth. There is of course also the crossing of the Nile River to undertake with all that such crossing implies of measures and precautions against any and all perils.

In spite of all difficulties the work has been proceeding without relent, so that at mid-July 176.5 kilometres of the Pipe-Line route have been prepared to allow for the passage of the equipment required. 65 kilometres have been dug to bed the Pipe-Line and 60 kilometres have been levelled or filled up.

Storage Tanks:

Storage Tanks will be provided at the ends of the Pipe-Line: 12 tanks at each end. Each tank will have a capacity of 103,300 cubic metres of raw oil. The sheet-iron required for each tank will weigh 1,930 tons. The diameter of each tank will be of 84 metres.

Apart from the 12 tanks which together, may store one million tons of raw oil, a smaller tank of a capacity of 14,700 cubic metres, with a diameter of 36 metres and requiring 320 tons of steel will be provided.

The construction of the foundations for these storage tanks has been carried out until mid-July and the construction of 4 of these storage tanks at each end of the line has already started.

Pumping Stations:

The Scheme provides for pumping stations to ensure a regular flow of the oil inside the Pipe-Lines. Ten main pump units, each developing 11,000 horse power will be installed along the line as well as 6 additional smaller units of 4,000 horse power each.

Considering that the first stage of operation of the line calls for an annual capacity of 40,000,000 tons for each line, rising to 60 million tons during the second stage, a pumping power of about 36,000 horse power will be required for each line for the first stage and about 38,000 h.p., each line for the second stage.

Other Plants and Equipment:

There is still much to say about the Scheme as it provides for many other plants and equipment, such as:

- The sea sections of the Pipe-Line with all they imply of advanced technical and scientific expertise and sophisticated equipment;
- The mooring-buoys at line ends, 5 of which are to be at the Alexandria end and 3 at Ein El Sokhna on the Red Sea, 4 out of these 8 buoys are to deal with giant 250,000 tons tankers;
- The wireless communications system binding all points of the complex;
- The Electrical network of the Pipe-Line, including a 250 kilo-volt high-power line of 170 Kilometres length. Such high-power line is equivalent in length to about 20% of the longest line of its kind existing in Egypt;
- A Central regulatory system by electronic computers;
- Shipping and Discharging facilities;
- Protection of the Line ends against pollution;
- And tens of other plants and equipments which could be summarized as accessories to the Pipe-Line Scheme. However such an expression could lead to believe that they are easy or simple item required to complete the Scheme, which would not be a true image of the facts.

A true image of the magnitude of the Scheme can be found by those who visit the construction areas at Suez or at Sidi Crair, at the steep mountainous sections of the Pipe-Line, or where it crosses the desert, or the agricultural zones. There, such visitors may witness the endeavour and the sweating labour of the men who are performing the greatest scheme actually carried out in the Middle East. And they will also witness, at the same time, a living image of Arab Economic Unity in action.

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President Ford welcoming Emperor Hirohito yesterday at the White House.

Pilot gatecrashes on an emperor

From Fred Emery
Washington, Oct 2

Emperor Hirohito was today welcomed by President Ford on the White House lawn with formal military honours marking the beginning of his state visit. The sun broke through dark clouds as if on cue as the Emperor finished his speech—but also under the clouds came an unscheduled airborne protest over Japanese whaling.

Cocking a snook at the massive security array on the ground, a small propeller-driven aircraft flew almost overhead trailing a sign which read: "Emperor Hirohito please save our whales".

It is doubtful whether the President or Emperor noticed it amid the din from the military bands. But there was a hectic flurry among the security services.

The Federal Aviation Administration was immediately notified but its controllers, who had already spotted the unauthorized flight on radar, had still not identified it several hours later. An FAA spokesman asserted that the intruder did not "penetrate protected airspace".

The White House spokesman said the aircraft "appeared" to have intruded. The airspace in the proximity is a controlled area. Ever since a helicopter landed on the lawn over a year ago, and an airliner hijacker disclosed that he had wanted to crash on to the White House, the guards are said to be armed with anti-aircraft missiles.

There was no sign that anyone reached for them today. When asked why something was not done, the White House spokesman shrugged, asking: "What do you suggest?".

The White House ceremony, replete with trumpet fanfares and a 21-cannon salute, proceeded without interruption.

In his welcoming speech Mr Ford made no mention of the Second World War. Instead he chose to dwell on America's pioneering "firsts" with Japan, starting with Commodore Perry's "black ships" which opened up the country in 1854.

The Emperor, speaking slowly but with great clarity, did not shrink from the war calling it a "tragic interlude" and said, according to the Japanese translator, that he felt "immeasurably gratified" that both peoples had afterwards built "unchanging ties of friendship and goodwill".

He spoke of his hope for "everlasting friendship". Immediately after speaking he turned and shook hands with the President who towered over him.

It was at this moment that the sun broke through the clouds.

Mr and Mrs Ford showed great gentleness towards the imperial couple, with Mrs Ford holding Empress Nagako's arm as they mounted the outside horseshoe staircase to the White House south balcony to wave to the invited guests.

Patricia Hearst may face new charges

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 2

Miss Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress, has been linked to a bank robbery last April in which a woman was killed, according to *The San Francisco Chronicle*.

The newspaper reported today that she had been identified as having rented a garage to house one of the two getaway cars used after the robbery.

If it is true, the report suggests, Miss Hearst will face new and more serious charges than the long list already made against her. There have already been hints of this from the federal and state prosecutors involved in her case, who held a conference in San Francisco yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference after the meeting, they said that new charges were possible against Miss Hearst, and also against Mr and Mrs William Harris, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), who were arrested on the same day as she was.

It has been known for some days that federal and state officials were examining a large number of crimes committed in northern California in recent months for links with the SLA. They include bombings, bank robberies and a number of murders. The officials have been using evidence found in the two flats in which Miss Hearst and the Harrises were living before their arrest.

The bank robbery in which a woman was killed was in Carmichael, a suburb of Sacramento, the state capital. According to *The San Francisco Chronicle*, Miss Hearst is believed to have rented a garage about a week before the robbery, using a false name.

Meanwhile, Miss Hearst was today continuing her psychiatric tests to see if she is fit to undergo cross-examination on the court affidavit she submitted in support of her request for bail. A court hearing is due next Tuesday.

Negotiations are also continuing over whether conversations between Miss Hearst and her parents should be tape-recorded when they visit her in jail. Agreement that they should not was reached earlier this week, but was reversed by a judge yesterday

Greek attack on delay over Aegean

From Our Own Correspondent
Athens, Oct 2

The Greek Government criticized Turkey today for holding up reference of the Aegean continental shelf dispute to the International Court

A Note delivered to the Turkish Embassy rejected assertions that Greece had caused the postponement of discussions on this issue which were to have taken place in Paris last week. The Note implied that the Turkish Government had chosen to delay the talks in view of internal political difficulties

The Turkish Government agreed last February to a Greek proposal that the dispute over the dilimitation of the Aegean continental shelf should be referred to the International Court.

The Greek Note said that when the two sides decided to announce the proposed meeting of experts in Paris, the Turkish side insisted that the talks concerned the overall Aegean question, while avoiding any mention of the special agreement.

Mr Ford scorns assassination threats by disclosing his plans for travel

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 2

President Ford looks fit, he sounds cheerful and confident and above all he seems unaffected by the growing number of threats to his life. The Secret Service received some 320 threats last month and there have been two assassination attempts in the past few weeks. Indeed, so determined is the President to convince one and all that he is not to be intimidated that to the surprise of some of his senior assistants, he diverged from a prepared text in a speech in Chicago the other night to note that he planned to travel far and wide in the next few months.

The President has just returned to Washington from a 32-hour journey to the Mid-West. On Saturday he plans quick trips to West Virginia and Newark, New Jersey.

The logistics and planning of these trips have become extremely complicated now that fears for the President's life are possibly greater than ever. Dozens of officials and Secret Service agents plan every inch of his routes to ensure that roads are always clear for the White House cars, that his hotel rooms are to his liking and secure and that checks have been made on every person who the local police feel may cause trouble.

The President is being exposed almost only to those people whom the Secret Service consider to be "sanitized"—a frightful word that is meant to cover people considered a minimum security risk.

The slightest hitch in the plans can cause panic. On Tuesday when the President's car had to halt for four minutes on the road from the airport to Chicago, it was instantly surrounded by some 25 Secret Service agents and five cars.

The new precautions forced the President to enter a Chicago hotel, where he made a speech, through an underground garage and a back door, while the police used the diversionary tactic of erecting barriers and towing away cars in front of the hotel.

Once in the hotel the President was ushered into a special reception room heavily guarded by a squad of police as well as his regular Secret Service retinue. Police were roaming everywhere and becoming so nervous that they even broke up a party in a private suite because of the noise.

The President spoke to an audience of Republican Party donors and workers for 40 minutes and then left for another hotel in the suburb of Skokie, which the police considered to be more easy to defend than the one where he made his speech.

The crowd in front of the Skokie hotel were kept some 50ft away from its front door. At best they caught a fleeting glimpse of Mr Ford as he moved at speed from his car into the lobby. The hotel was some 250 rooms of which 100 were taken by the presidential party.

Yesterday the President met 33 mayors from small Mid-West towns and then he left for the airport. The route wound through back roads and remote suburbs. Policemen lined it, blocking approach roads and keeping onlookers well away from the President's speeding car.

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New York City's financial difficulties worsen

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Oct 2

New York is in trouble again. In spite of a rescue plan adopted after a great deal of effort last month, its financial difficulties have worsened, and Mr Hugh Carey, Governor of New York State, called a meeting in Albany today to discuss the situation.

The rescue plan was never the complete answer to New York's problems, since it only aspired to keep the city solvent until the end of November. But even this plan has been falling apart in the past few days, and there is renewed talk of the city defaulting on its obligations, perhaps this month.

The New York Times today headed its main leading article: "Attention Washington", and made an appeal for an urgent reappraisal by the federal Government of its refusal to give help. "Financial and governmental leaders across the country have been warning for weeks that such a collapse would have most serious and widespread consequences", it wrote.

"Indeed, the repercussions of New York City's difficulties already have been felt in the form of rising interest rates for municipal securities as far away as Anchorage, Alaska."

So far, however, there is a stony silence from Washington, and representatives of both the city and the state are being left to their own devices.

The latest round of trouble began with a court ruling earlier this week that one of the components of the rescue plan was illegal. This was a contribution of $225m (£112m) by state pension funds to the $2,300m being raised to keep the city solvent.

Things have been further complicated by the fact that New York State, whose credit has normally been good, has been tarnished by its involvement in the city's troubles. This means that it is having difficulties over raising another $500m needed for the city.

Snoopy dreams of glory on 25th birthday

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Oct 2

Snoopy's brother Spike is hitch-hiking through Nevada, and having a hard time of it. Back at home, Charlie Brown continues to suffer daily humiliations at the hand of fate, friends, kites and his dreadful sister, while Snoopy dreams of glory on his kennel roof.

America's favourite strip-cartoon, Peanuts, is 25 years old today and the half of the country's newspapers that carry it mark the anniversary with appropriate solemnity—except the *Washington Post*, which is on strike. Other newspapers ignore it, hoping wistfully that one day one of their strips will attain a similar following.

There are Snoopy fan clubs, books, mugs and school lunch boxes. It is a big business and the strip's author, Mr Charles Schulz, is very rich. He produces seven strips a week, including an extra long one, in colour, on Sundays.

Eight killed in blast at explosives plant

Montreal, Oct 2.—A blast at an explosives plant near here killed eight men and injured seven last night.

A spokesman for the Canadian Industries Ltd explosives plant at McMasterville, east of Montreal, estimated damage at close to $Can1m (£500,000). Buildings within a five-mile radius were damaged.

Mr Allan Mackinnon, the works manager, told a news conference that all manufacturing of explosives would be suspended until the cause of the explosion had been determined.—Reuter.

UN gets back to normal after Amin speech

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Oct 2

President Amin of Uganda raised plenty of hackles when he addressed the United Nations last night and attacked Britain, the United States and Israel. But the Assembly returned calmly to its normal business today, and there was no sign that the speech would have any great impact on the proceedings.

The Americans were represented during the speech by Mr Clarence Mitchell, a black member of their delegation who is also a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. Mr Mitchell said afterwards that President Amin's support for American blacks and his "unsolicited advice about how black Americans should conduct their affairs" were unwelcome.

In his passage on Britain, President Amin described it as a country of kidnappings, murders and bombings, and said that Britain was attacking Uganda in order to distract attention from Northern Ireland. This showed "the decadence of a nation that once prided itself to the entire world—a quarter of which it colonized—as the fountain of peace, freedom, justice and tranquility".

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Manchester

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University of Edinburgh

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University of Dundee

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Otago
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Mrs Gandhi's counsel rejects concept of free, fair elections

Delhi, Oct 2.—The chief counsel for Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, yesterday told the Supreme Court that the concept of free and fair election could not be considered part of the basic structure of India's constitution.

The counsel, Mr A. K. Sen, said free and fair election was an abstract concept. It was governed by statutes made by Parliament, and courts could only decide if elections were conducted legally.

Mr Sen was defending recent election law changes which absolved Mrs Gandhi of electoral offences, for which in June she had been disqualified from office for six years by the Allahabad High Court.

The argument arose during the final stages of a marathon hearing of challenges to the validity of the changes and a constitutional amendment placing the election of the Prime Minister above court scrutiny.

The challenges had arisen from Mrs Gandhi's appeal against the High Court judgment, before statutory changes sought to free her of her legal troubles.

Counsel for Mr Raj Narain, the jailed socialist leader who brought the Allahabad charges, has argued that the recent amendments went against the basic democratic structure of the constitution.

Mr Sen told the court that if Parliament had the power to make laws, amend them and even delete certain laws for the future, it could certainly do so retrospectively.

He rejected the opposition argument that the game could not be played before the rules were framed. If Parliament could make laws for tomorrow, it could make laws for yesterday, he said.

Mr Sen faced searching questioning from the judges, one of whom, Mr Justice Mathew, asked if democracy was not a basic feature of the Indian constitution, and if free and fair elections were not essential to democracy.

Meanwhile, on the economic front, popular support for Mrs Gandhi may be increased by the news that India will apparently have a record grain harvest, which could ease its food troubles.

The optimistic harvest prospect comes after one of India's longest, west4st and most widespread monsoons.

Western diplomats are calling the rains a "Highly political monsoon" because they could be just in time for Mrs Fahdni, who put India under a sate of emergency on June 26.

For the second time in two months, the Government yesterday severed all communications of United Press International's Delhi bureau for violation of the state of emergency censorship rules.

A spokesman for the censor's office said UPI's telephone and Telex lines were cut because of "added violations" of the censorship guidelines.

The poverment recently took similar action against Associated Press and the New York Tioes. Both organizations have since had their lines restored.—Reuter, UPI.

Judge given foreign portfolio in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Oct 2.—Señor Manuel Arauz Castex, a former Supreme Court judge and a Peronist was being sworn in today as Argentine Foreign Minister. He is 60 and replaces Señor Angel Robledo who had the post temporarily since the latest in a series of Cabinet reshuffles on September 15.

The state airline Aerolineas Argentinas, beset by financial difficulties, has been taken over fully by the Government, the top management being replaced with a government trustee. A presidential decree cited the airline's "irregular behaviour in providing its services" and consequent damage to its image at home and abroad as reasons for the takeover.

Pay claims by the airline's staff have brought a series of strikes and stoppages since last July. A 170 per cent government-imposed fuel price increase, a fall-off in passengers and the country's prolonged political crisis added to its problems.

Five Marxist guerrillas have been killed in fighting in the northern province of Tucumam, according to an Army communiqué. This brought to 61 the total of "People's Revolutionary Army" (ERP) fighters which the Army claims it has killed in the province since launching its anti-guerrilla campaign in February.

In Cordoba, an aide to the former right-wing province administrator and a woman were killed by automatic rifle fire yesterday in a city street ambush.

Mr Heath deplores Australian cynicism

Singapore, Oct 2.—Mr Edward Heath today deplored cynicism in the Australian press over Britain's original defence intentions in South-east Asia.

The former Prime Minister told a meeting of British businessmen in Singapore that Britain's military withdrawal from the area, now under way, had not been an inevitable decision.

During talks with the Prime Ministers of Malaysia and Singapore in 1968, he had outlined a Conservative Party proposal which the party, then in opposition, was going to put to Australia and New Zealand. The proposal was "that when we were returned to power we would reestablish a five-power force here".

He recalled the cynicism with which that was received at the time by the Australian press, "who said that no Britisher ever keeps his word, and that this was just a public relations ploy, and if you do become the government nothing will happen".

But Mr Heath said that when the Conservatives came to power in 1970 they were prepared with a policy for the area and a five-power treaty was organized between Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore.

If the Conservative Party had remained in power "it would not have been necessary for us to terminate this arrangement". Colombo: Yugoslavia and Sri Lanka today expressed concern over developments in the Indian Ocean and called for greater efforts to secure peace in the area.

The appeal was contained in a joint communiqué issued after the visit of Mr Dzemal Bijedic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, in which he had talks with Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the Sri Lanka Prime Minister.—Reuter.

Secessionists of Bougainville confront police

Port Moresby, Oct 2.—Angry members of the Bougainville secessionist movement, which seeks independence from Papua New Guinea, today confronted police on the island to demand the release of two of their leaders.

The two—Anthony Anugu and Abraham Sabarukal—were arrested earlier in the day on charges of threatening behaviour against officials of the central Government.

About 150 demonstrators, mostly young men, gathered outside a police station to demand their release, but they dispersed after the arrival of a special police riot squad.

The secessionist movement on the South Pacific island declared Bougainville independent two weeks before Papua New Guinea itself became independent on September 16.—Reuter.

Riddle of absent official solved

Peking, Oct 2.—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Mr Wang Hun-wen, a leading Chinese Communist Party official, was partly cleared up today when the official media reported that he was back in his home town of Shanghai.

An official also confirmed that Mr Wang, who missed yesterday's Peking celebrations and has not been seen in the capital since July, was still a deputy-chairman of the party.—Reuter.

Prague names envoy

Prague, Oct 2.—Mr Miroslav Moc, former editor of the Czechoslovak party daily *Rude Pravo* and secretary of the party's central committee, has been appointed ambassador to Switzerland.

Outcry against daylight killings

Pogrom of birds in Budapest

By Gabriel Ronay

City authorities come under fire for extermination plan that turned into a 'cat-kill'

Hugarian animal lovers are up in arms over a series of "bird programs" in Budapest in which tens of thousands of birds and many cats perished after days of suffering.

The latest mass killing, organized by the city authorities and carried out by private contractors took place in broad daylight in front of horrified children and distressed mothers and pensioners enjoying the amenities of Museum Kert park in the heart of the city.

The exterminators began their work by spreading drugged bait. When challenged by passers-by they said that they were only giving a sleeping-draught to the pigeons. Then they gathered up the drugged birds in sacks and drove off.

But soon afterwards they returned and the "bird pogrom" began in earnest with sackfuls of poisoned wheat and corn being spread throughout the park, including the playground.

According to an angry statement issued by Dr Sandor Kurthy, head of the bird section of the Hungarian Animal Protection Society, the authorities were not only inflicting great suffering on the bird population of the park but were exposing children to the danger of poisoning.

"Throughout the day", his statement noted, "one could see all over the park birds—and not only pigeons, but blackbirds and doves also—writhing in agony after eating poisoned seed."

"There were also countless dead birds lying all over the place. The Museum Street part of the park is specifically designated as a playground. But in the rest of the park, too, children play in the sand and so on. They cannot avoid contaminating their hands with the poisonous substance spread around and, if they lick their fingers, as children usually do, they run the risk of grave poisoning."

But the "bird pogrom" eventually developed into what Dr Kurthy calls "a cat-kill", for prowling cats which ate the poisoned birds "expired after hideous suffering".

In an unprecedented legal move, the Animal Protection Society is accusing the private contractors "and their abettors"—that is the city authorities—of contravening Government Decree 17/1968 Paragraph 25, which prohibits the torturing of animals, and of infringing the citizens' right to good health, as laid down in Paragraph 72 of the same decree.

The society also appealed to "the competent organs to find a way to stop the repetition of similar villianous actions".

It is surprising that the Budapest "bird pogroms" took place just after the Office for the Protection of the Environment had passed legislation to protect Hungary's bird population. Under the new law the minimum fine for killing a blackbird is 300 forints (more than £5) and 1,000 forints for a dove. The fine for the destruction of rarer species is much higher.

If, as the Animal Protection Society demands, the proper fines are exacted, the Budapest city authorities might well be bankrupted.

In search of equal opportunity in the home

When Britain's Equal Opportunities Commission becomes operative one of the first research projects it might tackle would be considering how many non-earning women would prefer to have paid jobs. It is a topic on which there is a paucity of information, but it is fundamental to the changes in society being discussed internationally as part of the movement to end discrimination against women.

The Norwegian government, which is about to introduce an anti-sex discrimination measure similar to our own, believes that equality *within* the family is the essential precondition for equality in all other fields. Unless men and women are prepared, indeed enabled, to share all family responsibilities from breadwinning to child care and household tasks, little will change.

Women will continue to spend years at home caring for husband, children and home with the prospect of a poorly paid, low status job when the children are older. Men will go on being excluded from the major part of the caring of their own children and be expected to work throughout their lives to provide the family with its income.

Scandinavian countries are attempting to change those roles by helping parents to share their responsibilities, at least while their children are small, by altering employment conditions, social security and child care facilities. The emphasis is very much on giving people a real choice over whether they want to remain at home full-time; pursue a career, or combine jobs with family responsibilities.

In Sweden, for example maternity benefits were replaced last year by "parent's insurance" giving a right to seven months leave after the birth of a child. Either parent can take the leave, or they can share it in whatever proportions they choose.

There is no financial disincentive because social security makes up 90 per cent of the income they lose through stopping work. A £7,000 a year couple would be only £8 worse off over the entire year if the parents each took 3½ months' leave, compared with their financial situation if the mother took the entire seven months.

Significantly, that benefit has proved less popular with men than the new right of up to 10 days' leave a year to care for a sick child. Fathers have used that right quite extensively, but have shown little interest in taking paternity leave. It may be that the needs of sick children are better understood and sympathized with by employers and work-mates.

The next step, under active consideration in both Sweden and Norway, would be to reduce the working day for parents with small children. Mrs Inger Valle, Norwegian Minister of Justice, believes it is unreasonable to expect both working parents to spend more than eight hours a day away from home.

"No one has ever suggested that it is a good idea for children of 2 or 3 to spend almost all their waking day in a Council of Europe Ministerial conference in Oslo recently. "This is hardly a desirable pattern of family life."

Instead, the Norwegians suggest that parents of very young children should have the right to a six-hour day with compensation for loss of earnings through taxation or social security. Higher allowances would be paid to low income families to avoid the danger of creating serious gaps between families with two incomes and those with only one. Both parents would be eligible so that couples would be helped to arrange their family lives more equally if they wanted to.

"We must get away from the attitude that children are primarily the responsibility of the mother", Mrs Valle said. "Children are the responsibility and joy of both parents."

The Scandinavians' insistence that none of those measures was designed to force mothers to work won them a great deal of support at the Oslo conference. But the underlying assumption of many of the developments there do presuppose that there is a strong desire by mothers to do paid jobs. Yet there is very little evidence that this is so, although the barriers in their way are well known.

Our own General Household Survey disclosed in 1971 that 40 per cent of women who were not employed intended to return to work. Of those women, the same proportion said they would go back to work earlier if satisfactory arrangements could be made to look after their children.

But the intention to work was linked closely with poverty. Among women with dependent children, the proportion intending to return to work decreased steadily as the family income rose. Over two-thirds of the mothers with total household incomes under £40 a week intended to work. But less than a third of the mothers with family incomes of over £60 a week wanted to work.

Those figures tend to underline the fact that working class women have always worked out of economic necessity, whatever the difficulties they face. But they also seem to suggest that middle class mothers are more inclined to stay at home when the family income is secure.

Attitudes may well have changed since then, particularly among younger women. Increasing numbers of mothers are going out to work. But a questionnaire to the 15 countries taking part in the Oslo conference produced no information on women's attitudes to working. The responses did show, however, that women contribute very little to the average household income. Their incomes contribute between 2 per cent and 13 per cent to the average, but it increases the income of manual workers more than that of non-manual workers.

Whether women want to work or not may be affected by the considerable barriers in their way, including the fewer educational and occupational opportunities open to them and the difficulties of arranging suitable day care for their children. Most European countries now have formal equality enshrined in legislation, but in practice inequality persists.

In Ireland, married women make up less than 2 per cent of the working population. A law requiring women to resign on marriage from public service jobs was repealed only a year ago. Any efforts the Irish government makes towards helping women to find employment are likely to be directed at women in middle age whose children have grown up.

"The big difficulty now is to provide sufficient employment for the men", said Mr Brendan Corish, Irish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Welfare and Health. "We have 10 per cent unemployment, which means 100,000 people, and they are mainly men."

There are, of course, no reliable statistics on the unemployment of Irish women because most of them are not registered. But the Irish attitude does indicate that the traditional roles of men as breadwinners and women as child-rearers and home-makers are still firmly ingrained. It is those attitudes which the Scandinavians are trying to break down.

They accept that you cannot legislate to make men sweep the floors or sew on buttons, or to make women accept a major responsibility for the family income. But they believe that the attitudes behind such stereotypes begin so early that changes have to be made in the schools as well as in the adult world.

The Norwegian anti-sex discrimination Bill will follow the example of Sweden in banning school books that perpetuate traditional roles by always showing women doing housework and men doing paid jobs. It is not something the British government would consider.

Dr Shirley Summerskill, the Home Office minister who has been mainly responsible for our Sex Discrimination Bill, thinks that the state cannot interfere with the autonomy of local education authorities by telling them which books they can or cannot use. But there is no reason, she says, why the Equal Opportunities Commission should not research the content of school books and recommend changes to them if they are overtly sexist.

The Commission could also investigate how far women actively want to work outside the home, but are deterred by the lack of day care facilities for their children. Whatever such research might turn up, Dr Summerskill thinks that two ingredients are necessary for any fundamental change to be made.

First, there should be a positive drive to help women find jobs with a large expansion of nursery facilities. That worked during the last war when women willingly went to work often in jobs previously regarded as "men's work". But secondly there needs to be some evidence that men are prepared to give up part of their dedication to work in favour of taking on more responsibility in the home. There is, as yet, little evidence here of that happening. Until it does, it looks as though further progress in achieving real equality for women will continue to be agonizingly slow.

Pat Healy

Simply magic, this fantasy world of the flying horse

This week Caroline Baxter had her first novel published, and went up to Girton College, Cambridge to read for a degree in English. She is 19. The book, called *The Stolen Telesm*, is a fantasy about a flying horse, a baboon, a pack of slavering wolves, and two children. It is absurd, and quite implausible, and completely gripping. Caroline Baxter is a natural story teller.

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She wrote her first story at seven about Father Christmas. Her school, Walthamstow Hall in Sevenoaks, encouraged writing which she says gave her the practice and fluency she now has. She day-dreamed her way through junior school in a fog of dragons and flying horses, remembers the dreams clearly today and simply writes them down, with hindsight about the sort of magic that works for ten year olds. "I started by consciously writing down to children", she says. "Then I forgot and just wrote as it came." It is the way she intends to go on writing for the moment, and feels that it would be too easy, embarking on adult writing, to become sentimental and pretentious.

"O" levels at Walrhamstow Hall checked the writing; it was not until several years later that she saw *The Times* Children's Story Competition advertised, and entered it with a story written six hours before closing date. That was called the *Unicorn Stone*; (she is embarrassed about the phallic symbol in its title since a friend quoted to her Tom Stoppard's line in *Jumpers* "Never mention unicorns to a Freudian").

She was runner up in the competition; Jonathan Cape, joint organizers, suggested a novel. She was more interested in "O" levels, and wondered briefly whether to study for medicine. But she took them up on their idea and during the last summer vacation before "A" levels, mostly between catching trains in Milan station and on holiday in Venice, wrote *The Stolen Telesm* in six weeks, putting the finishing touches to it the night before school started. She was then 17. She had to explain away why she had failed to do her history project.

The Stolen Telesm made its way into a drawer where it sat until Caroline Baxter's mother, having spent £12 on getting it typed and not wishing to see it wasted, saw it off to the publishers. Jonathan Cape were delighted, and made only a few minor changes. Caroline Baxter has now finished a second novel, in the nine months since university entrance exams, and in between going to Grenoble university and learning to drive a car. It is another fantasy, a "more ambitious one"; it is currently being read by Cape.

She thinks, imagines and plots as she rides her "fat and hairy" horse round the Kentish countryside, a horse quite unlike the delicate and exquisite winged Telesm whose looks and virtues she so lovingly describes. Her father is a civil servant; her brother a mathematician just down from Cambridge, and she has a younger brother and sister, both still at school. Her family are musical—she herself has no ear for music—but none of her relations write. She gave her £50 runner-up prize to Oxfam; but is keeping Cape's £150 advance for a holiday in Italy next year.

Caroline Baxter cannot think of doing anything else with her life than writing; but she is wary of a future exclusively in books, most of all because of the money. Her mind is still full of magic plots. She admires Tolkien and C. S. Lewis, and likes Richard Adams's *Watership Down*, not as a cult but as a good book about rabbits.

She is a tall, slightly stooping, conventionally pretty girl, with a rather breathless husky voice and extreme modesty about her achievements. She simply finds the writing fun. There is nothing self-conscious about the result, and very little of Daisy Ashford's *Young Visitors* about it. *The Stolen Telesm* has a strong feeling of agelessness about it—its author could equally well be 20 or 50. And it is quite lacking in sophistication, which is precisely what is so good about it.

Caroline Moorehead

Soviet eagerness on human rights

From Christopher Wren
Moscow, Oct 2

The Soviet Union, apparently stung by criticism from the West, has mounted an increasingly active campaign denouncing those who have questioned its sincerity in carrying out the humanitarian provisions of the European security declaration signed at Helsinki.

The counter offensive has developed several themes in the past month. The Soviet people are being assured that the socialist countries have been more scrupulous than the capitalist ones in respecting the Helsinki agreement. The official Soviet press has also labelled Western critics as enemies of détente who intentionally distort the significance of the Helsinki declaration, signed two months ago, by emphasizing only its human rights aspects.

Soviet citizens have been warned in articles about the perils inherent in increased East-West contacts, including tourism and cultural exchanges, as provided for in the declaration. The foreign affairs weekly *Za Rubezhom* in its latest issue has implied that American information operations such as the Voice of America, the glossy *Amerika* magazine and travelling official exhibitions will work harder as a result of the Helsinki agreement to undermine Soviet values.

Moscow's efforts are seemingly designed to block any infusion of liberalizing ideas into Soviet society. The campaign emphasizes the continuing differences in priorities that the East and West brought to the European security conference.

Soviet movement on human rights has been minimal so far, though some Western diplomats still think it is too soon to gauge Moscow's response. They expect more gestures before the 35 nations that signed the declaration gather in Belgrade in 1977 to review progress.

The Kremlin has appeared under no time pressure and at least one Western diplomatic analyst believes that Mr Brezhnev, the party leader, may maintain a hardline position through the twenty-fifth party congress next February to placate conservatives within the Soviet leadership.

The first concession appeared this week when American journalists living in Moscow were offered multiple exit and entry visas that would allow them to leave the Soviet Union without asking permission each time. Similar visas must still be arranged for other Western newsmen and one West European diplomat expects those negotiations to be dragged out.

The drive to disparage Western concern about the human rights provisions dates back to an article that Mr Georgi Abratov, an American affairs specialist, published in *Izvestia* in early September. Mr Abratov asserted that Moscow's opponents wanted to exploit the Helsinki agreement to interfere in the internal affairs of the socialist countries.

Arguing that the West has been less conscientious about the Helsinki accord, Moscow emphasizes that it published the declaration in full while Western countries did not. Articles have suggested that the West avoided that to hide the real significance of the document from its citizens.—New York Times News Service.

Paying your dues

The Birmingham Settlement gives the kind of advice to poor people that rich people get from their accountants and bank managers, namely, how to get their muddled financial state into some sort of order, and keep insistent creditors from doing nasty things to them. The Settlement, a registered charity, runs a money advice centre for those of low income. It was opened in 1970 on a one-night-a-week basis, and has now expanded into a project employing a staff of seven advisers who are available throughout the day and on two evenings a week.

Their clients are usually people who have fallen behind with rent, or hire purchase or other instalment payments, or who cannot pay a debt they owe. Most have been threatened with eviction, repossession or a court action. In some cases action against them is already under way. The Settlement's advisers attempt both to take the immediate pressure off them, by acting as a mediator between the client and his creditor and trying to make arrangements for payment of the debt, and also, in the longer term, to teach the client how best to organize his financial affairs in the future.

Debt Counselling, a booklet published this week, written by two of the Settlement's advisers, is a simple guide to the world of debts—what kind, how collected, the law, and the court procedures. There is also a chapter on the tactics of debt counselling based on the Settlement's own experience.

Although it is mainly aimed at social workers, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the like, the booklet provides a useful layman's reference book. Debts are not the prerogative of the poor and inarticulate, and many a middle-income earner cannot afford professional advice about financial difficulties confronting them. They will not learn how to evade their rightful debts, but might at least gain a clearer appreciation of the problems facing them.

Debt Counselling by John Blamire and Arthur Izzard. Published by the Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL, price 85p.

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Another view of Nashville—Burt Reynolds and the Dixie Dancekings

A lot may have changed in the cinema; but the film industry still asserts its proud right to humiliate, push around and if possible martyr the artists it employs. Men whom James Ivory would admit his betters—from Eisenstein to Erich von Stroheim, who never made a single film that emerged in the form he intended or finished it—have suffered worse things than have happened to his latest film *The Wild Party*, if that is any feeble consolation to him.

The Wild Party is a musical set in Hollywood in the Twenties, and based on a poem of 1926 by Joseph Moncure March, whose admired verse-novel provided the scenario for Robert Wise's 1948 film *The Set-up*. It recounts the events of a night in which Jolly Grimm (James Coco), a Hollywood has-been, ruined by the coming of talkies, throws a party to celebrate his attempted comeback. Since the event coincides with a smarter affair given by Doug and Mary over at Pickfair, only the social failures actually turn up at Jolly's. The disintegration of the party *into violence and disaster* parallels Jolly's own collapse as he becomes less and less able to fend off the spectre of failure, and watches his girl friend Queenie (Raquel Welch) carried off and seduced by a sleek matinée idol.

The director warns me in a letter that the film "has been totally recut by the financiers, American International Pictures.

"... The wreck that is about to be released in London as my work is not just a shortened, souped-up *Wild Party*. It is the distributor's cheap attempt to over-exploit everything exploitable, with discarded sex scenes piled on top of the ones I had already included; with poor scenes that were dropped by me in the editing room stuck back in the hope of some easy laughs, ... with flashbacks and flash-forwards thrust into the middle of perfectly workable scenes ... and so forth. All the dialogue scenes have either been very much shortened or eliminated entirely. Most foolish of all, the distributor, afraid that Jolly Grimm was not coming across as a 'lovable' character, has tried to make him more so by cutting important scenes of Coco that had bite in them, which has the further injurious effect on the picture of throwing Raquel Welch's performance off centre.

"The whole thing is a mess now, and though I can't dissociate myself from it entirely—and don't really like to—I do want to call your attention to what has happened to my film."

To compound everything the British censor has apparently removed three further minutes from the film. From the spectator's point of view it is rather as if he were only permitted to read books in versions abridged by self-appointed committees.

However confident the producers and distributors may be that they have positively improved on Ivory's conception, it would be impertinent to discuss a film in such a version. It is still possible to glimpse in the inevitable choppiness and disproportion the remnants of a promising idea, traces of James Ivory's special talent (revealed in his films from *Shakespeare Wallah* to *Savages*) for tracing the constantly changing undercurrents in a group of people. It is still possible to admire Raquel Welch's anguished performance as Queenie, the style of the musical numbers and the evocative period staging. It is less easy to judge if James Coco might in the original have been any more convincing as the tragic fallen star.

The Wild Party is showing in a double bill with a curious piece of early Mel Brooks. Made immediately after his *The Producers*, *The Twelve Chairs* is a version of the old Ilf and Petrof novel which must be in the running for the record number of screen adaptations. Apart from this version there have been three since 1969, made in Cuba, the Soviet Union and, with the late Sharon Tate and Vittorio de Sica, in Italy.

Brooks takes the original surprisingly straight, only occasionally taking off into his distinctive comedy of excess, notably in his own performance as a (Chico) Marxist servant. The dubious pair who travel through early Soviet Russia in pursuit of a dispersed set of chairs, one of which contains a Tsarist treasure, are Ron Moody, crisply characterizing a dusty dispossessed capitalist hyena, and an appealingly sardonic Frank Langella. The deserts of plot between the comic set-pieces are compensated for by the elaborate and convincing staging of the film, apparently shot in Eastern Europe.

W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings offers a view of the home of country-and-western slightly different from Robert Altman's depiction of *Nashville* as a metaphor for all America. It is a compound of clichés of the current Hollywood folk myth: nostalgia for the carefree 1950s of the imagination, a casually formed group of itinerants, light-hearted highway robbery, comedy car chases, encounters across rural America; but the director, John G. Avildsen, has given a brightness and freshness to Thomas Rickman's script that might hardly have been expected after his earlier films, the odious *Joe* and the somewhat preferable film play, *Save the Tiger*.

The modern Robin Hood, dedicated to sticking up the gas stations of the firm he once worked for, and sowing the seeds of emancipation in all the underpaid clerks who operate them, is Burt Reynolds, much more attractive in this kind of light comedy than in the posture of WASP-ish beefcake and redneck in which he is generally cast. The main quality of the film, though, is its genuine response to a place, a period and an atmosphere: the seedy glamour of Nashville's Grand Old Opry is a good deal more tangible here than *Nashville* makes it.

Film-makers these days rarely nerve themselves to face the 1970s, and most films turn to a reassuring, nostalgic past. *W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings* is set in 1957; *The Wild Party* turns back to 1926; and the action of *Lovin' Molly* starts the year before that.

Lovin' Molly is a rather odd piece of rural nostalgia, adapted from a novel by Larry McMurtry whose work has previously provided the scenarios for *Hud* and *The Last Picture Show*. It is directed by Sidney Lumet, who is perhaps less at ease with earthy pastoral than with the sophistication of *Serpico* and *Murder on the Orient Express*.

It is a story of a sturdily individualist girl who throughout a lifetime shares her favours between two friends, the conventional Gid (Anthony Perkins) and the carefree Johnny (Beau Bridges), to each of whom she bears a son. Her marriage to a third man does not seriously impair the intimacy of the three loving friends, who steadfastly resist any temptation to marry among themselves.

It is hard to say why Lumet's evident affection for the subject is never communicated to the spectator. Perhaps it is because the dialogue and events are so wilfully and cutely rustic, or perhaps because the rather mature actors are never quite convincing either as fresh youngsters or in later scenes, as the cotton wool thickens in the cheeks and the powder settles on the hair.

Robert Clark (born in New Orleans in 1941) made his debut in Hollywood with a low-budget campy horror film, *Children Shouldn't Play with Dead Things*, then moved to Toronto where he seems set, with *Dead of Night* and *Black Christmas*, to establish a Canadian school of horror. He is very effective with shocks and chills. *Black Christmas*—set in the sorority house of a large university campus, an unexpected location at least for this kind of Gothick—has something unspeakable in the attics, bloodshot eyeballs peering through crevices, heavy breathing on the other end of the telephone, bloody slaughter, and enough humour to sustain the *grand guignol*.

The cheat ending, though, is unforgivable. One of the ground rules of this particular game is the kind of resolution that does not leave the audience still dangling after 90 minutes of willing suspense.

Any promise that Peter Duffell showed as director of *England Made Me* is betrayed by *Inside Out*, a formula adventure story which is exceptional only for its unremitting implausibilities. The director is less to be blamed, perhaps, than the bodged-up script.

Telly Savalas and others are recruited by a German-accented James Mason to retrieve a treasure hidden 30 years before by the Nazis. In the course of the operation they have to "borrow" a Spandau-type prisoner, and submit him to the shock treatment of coming face to face with a fake Fuhrer. Apart from the silliness, it is the fact that the heroes are such a nasty lot, blackmailing and killing without compunction, that makes the injustice of their clean getaway with the loot so unpalatable.

Weill bodies

Some international festivals have what they call a "theme". This year's Berlin Festival has three: a five-concert Kurt Weill cycle, the first five postwar years, and the Mediterranean area. In addition it offers the customary gala panoply of orchestras, soloists, theatre companies, and exhibitions.

The Weill cycle commemorates the seventy fifth anniversary of that remarkable composer's birth in Dessau (later the birthplace of the Bauhaus) and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death as an involuntary emigrant in New York. Strangely enough, few composers have had strong affiliations with Berlin, but Kurt Weill, starting with *The Threepenny Opera's* enormous success in 1928, certainly did.

Weill once wrote of his remarkable wife Lotte Lenya that although when she sang people listened as attentively as they did to Caruso, she could not read music. The London musicologist David Drew, whom Weill's widow long since made a sort of musical executor, planned this cycle. The Berlin Festival hoped to fetch Lenya herself from New York as a participant, but an accident prevented her coming even as a listener. It would have meant a lot to her.

The five Weill concerts presented two world premieres, a 1919 string quartet and a 1920 cello sonata, both of interest primarily from the musicological standpoint. An ambitious 1921 Rilke song shows startling development and maturing, and from that point on the music fascinates.

David Atherton, the London Sinfonietta, and six English singers collaborated in two impressive concerts which included the brief original version of *Mahagonny*, the superb score from *Happy End*, the *Berliner Requiem*, and lengthy excerpts from Weill's first important American work, *Johnny Johnson*. One rejoices to hear of plans to record all this.

The one symphonic concert of the series presented a rather larky cantata called *The New Orpheus*, the Second Symphony, and the suite from *The Silver Lake*, on which Weill collaborated with Georg Kaiser. Anja Silja, Günter Reich, and other excellent singers joined the Radio Symphony Orchestra under the Israel conductor Gary Bertini, who repeated earlier successes here and who looks, incidentally, like a strong candidate to succeed Lorin Maazel as this orchestra's regular conductor.

This year's most vaunted world premiere, commissioned by the Berlin Festival, came in the form of *Mare Nostrum*, Mauricio Kagel's latest contribution to what he used to call instrumental theatre but now calls *Musiktheater*—although it has nothing in common with what Walter Felsenstein, who originally popularized the term, puts on at the Komische Oper in East Berlin. Kagel, Argentine-born but long resident in Cologne, has taken as his fundamental and quite promising idea what the Hollywood boys used to call a switcheroo: South American Indians, about 400 years ago, sail into the Mediterranean and discover, "pacify", and convert the natives of one land after another, culminating their mission, true to historical form, with pillage and murder.

Two singers and six extremely versatile instrumentalists, sitting round a Mediterranean-shaped tank of water which starts out limpid but becomes increasingly polluted, deliver 80 minutes of pidgin German. It strives, unsuccessfully, for Joycean multi-meaning punning, and they embellish it with

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Mauricio Kagel — too many literary ambitions in Mare Nostrum

precious little music of *any* kind except for one seemingly endless, indescribably tedious wrong-note parody of Mozart's Turkish Rondo which has an effect comparable to having your teeth ground for several uninterrupted minutes.

Mauricio Kagel has inventive ideas and serious, socially aware intentions. One can hardly fault him on that score. Things go wrong, though, in their realization, their execution. Composers who indulge their literary ambitions run great risks and rarely possess the necessary gifts. Attendants at the hall pressed into the opening-night audience's hands Kagel's text for his work, but *after* the performance. This hand-out identified what had sounded like long stretches of *nonsense syllables as, in actual* fact, various Mediterranean languages and some obscure South American Indian dialect. Perhaps this reverse-order exegetical approach, this unrealistic attitude towards audience limitations, helps explain why so many avant-garde works meet with so little acceptance from even the best-willed of listeners.

Paul Moor

The Palace of Wonders
Round House

Irving Wardle

Nobody ever bothered to review London's buskers, but at least they usually managed to get the harmony right and remember their words, and cheer people up in the rain. Buskers are no more. In their place we now have "street theatre", which has spread into Europe from America, furnishing material for learned articles and bringing us entertainment of a quality to make the average busker die of shame.

France seems to have absorbed street theatre into its endless pastime of knocking the bourgeoisie: in the form of setting up expectations for some kind of conventional show and then bungling it. There can be some laughs in that it is done with zest, as by the Grand Magic Circus: but what is one to make of this spin-off from the Circus, Le Palais des Merveilles (meaning the street), a Paris-based touring group who have now come indoors bringing their rain-effects with them?

Maybe they were wonderful with Manchester bus queues. But if they like playing in daylight, what is the point of lighting the Round House performance with fitful spots and leaving most of the company in darkness? Once begun, there is no end to these questions. Why pair a competent flautist with a guitarist incapable of the simplest chord change? Why, after making a point of professional incompetence, do they then revert to all the old professional tricks of suspense and climax for displays of wire-walking and fire-eating?

If the answer is known to Jules Cordiere, fire-eater and ringleader of the troupe, he gave nothing away on Wednesday. He comes up with purple smoke pouring out of his battered hat, and remains on hand to lead us through the show in gutturally incomprehensible English commentary. Presumably this is deliberate, as he has an obviously eligible commentator in Georgette Albert, who may make the guitar sound like a Naafi piano but can at least articulate the lyric of "Jingle Bells". Under cover of darkness, M Cordiere conducts periodic swoops on the house and returns with struggling victims to be thrust into a tableau from *Swan Lake* or into the arms of the ample Mme Albert as her Romeo.

Not that the spectators are constantly under any kind of pressure. There is all the time in the world to relax and look at what you can see of the high wire, the cardboard cloudscape, and the skeletal figure of Lili Spider posturing in ice-blue lurex, between one little event and the next. In the meanwhile the benighted company shuffle about amid the amplified rainstorm as if waiting for a heavenly stage manager to decide the next turn on the bill. A group line-up, lit by a flaming hoop, presents the monkey-masked Mlle Spider alongside a monumental houri, a trombonist Uncle Sam on stilts, and a dwarf cutting body-building attitudes: an image evoking some old expressionist film. But once Mme Albert gets to the piano (at which point one wishes she would resume the guitar) and company merges with public in spiritless dancing, it is an image that fades.

Royal Ballet
Sadler's Wells

John Percival

John Cranko's *Card Game* came up bright and fresh in Wednesday's revival by the Royal Ballet's smaller company. Vyvyan Lorrayne got the first deal off to a good start by finding new humorous detail in the indignities to which the Queen of Hearts is subjected, and Stephen Jefferies as the Joker provided a neat foil for her by studiously examining his finger nails all through her remonstrances.

The men's solos in the second deal were given with brisk assurance rather than virtuosity, but Messrs Bertscher, Waller, Morse, Kilgour and O'Brien all coped with the technical demands well enough and kept up an interplay of comedy too. Brenda Last was the Two of Diamonds; taking her cue from the suit, she makes her entry in splendidly over-jewelled vulgarity, then wins sympathy by the determination with which she fights back against the ignominy to which her lowly rank compels her.

Jefferies got enormous fun from his burlesque transformation into the Queen of Spades, and led the high speed finale with zest. Comments from the seats behind me prompted the thought that a short note in the programme explaining the fortunes of the game for non-poker players would not come amiss, but there was enough laughter to show that the company really has got to grips with a work which sometimes eluded it in the past.

The programme began with *Les Sylphides*, danced with gentle fluency by Lorrayne and Alain Dubreuil, with Margaret Barbieri beautifully smooth in the *Prelude* and a harmonious supporting ensemble. The centrepiece of the triple bill was Jack Carter's *Shukumei*, a very capable piece of exotic choreographic melodrama. It is not a work to be seen over and over, and consequently is in danger of unfair dismissal from us critics who are repeatedly exposed to it in the course of duty.

Carter's commission was specifically to produce a dramatic work, and his tale of a lady samurai overcoming a bandit gang is certainly that. War cries enliven the variegated unarmed combat, and Stomu Yamash'ta sets the percussionists banging their drums with ferocious enthusiasm. Norman McDowell's designs achieve spectacular effects, and the structure of the ballet is workmanlike: repeated viewings have at least revealed several well planned details. Inevitably, the actual dance interest takes a secondary place, and another weakness is that the characters are types, not individuals. But within its limits the ballet has a lot going for it.

Out of the mouths of sticklebacks ...

Survival
Anglia

Alan Coren

On paper, BBC 1 had the main event of the evening; in fact, it was preliminary boat promoted the Anglia that walked away with the night's pugilistic honours. For my money, Ali and Frazier could have slugged it out till the Last Trump without even coming close to the display put on by a contender called Argulus. Argulus may be only the size of a vest-button, but on Wednesday it went back to its dressing room with the world title, the Lonsdale Belt, and the Iron Cross.

That we were able to see Argulus's titanic battles with a stickleback, a pike, and, indeed, anything dumb enough to swim within its malevolent little ken, was entirely due to those miracle workers at Oxford Scientific Films, John Paling and Peter Parks. In yet another superb exercise in submarine microfilming, they tracked this amazing parasite through its wicked day. I say parasite, but in fact the Argulus is nothing less than a complete swimming weapons-system, an alien blob bristling with suckers, spines, grappling hooks, needles, syringes, poisons, and other nasties against which fish have no defence. My only terror is that whichever country gets Argulus on its pay roll first is going to rule the world.

The layman's amazement at what the OSF team can do grows with every example of their work. I did not believe they could cap last year's staggering film in which a pike swallowed a stickleback and regurgitated it, but on Wednesday it was capped in spades. only did the pike swallow a stickleback, it swallowed a stickleback which we had just seen swallow an Argulus, after which the OSF cameras stood gamely at their posts to catch them all coughing one another up again.

As always with this unit, just as one feels they have gone as microscopic as sanity allows, they take the viewer a size down. Inside this vest-button's bowels they revealed the blood of the stickleback on which it was feeding. Stone me! one cried, as any objective observer would. And then, hardly had one grasped the minuscularity of that when there were the very corpuscles hurtling through the stickleback's gore!

As television, it was joy. Last week I took the camera to task for attempting to do, in *Madame Bovary*, what Flaubert had done so much better. Today it's the camera that gets the plaudits; you'd never have caught Flaubert going into a stickleback's mouth.

Arena
BBC 2

Derek Parker

If a television arts programme is not directed at a minority it is a failure before the first image flickers on the screen. BBC 2's new theatre programme, *Arena*, fails to grasp the point, envisaging, it seems, an audience of Aunt Ednas. Who could be more generally appealing than the theatre's First Lord? Mind you, if one has to compete with the world title fight on the other BBC channel and Frankie Howerd on ITV, Lord Olivier is as reasonable a contender as any. But was it a good idea to invite him to talk about Lilian Baylis, who has been discussed endlessly during the past six months of her centenary year?

Fortunately, Olivier talked with his usual spectacular charm mainly about other matters—about his feeling for the Old Vic, his memories of Charles Laughton and Tyrone Guthrie and Michel Saint-Denis—and so all was well. Then the presenter, Ronald Eyre, looking as though he had just been pulled through a hedge backwards (how boring the present trait is for anyone talking about art to appear in his oldest and most crumpled, tieless shirt; otherwise, presumably, one might suspect them of being serious); puffed Sandra Brown and Max Wall and a gentleman who puts ferrets down his trousers; and finally David Hockney talked about his beautiful, cool, inspired sets for Glyndebourne's *Rake's Progress*.

It was all very bland. Mr Eyre, at the beginning, promised items about some of the new ideas erupting on to stages in London and the provinces. Nothing erupted in this programme. Nor was anything very original or new said. Nor was there any really telling illustration: one extract, so short as to be meaningless; from a new play, and a film of the Hockney sets and costumes with the Stravinsky recording in the background. Watchable? Certainly. Predictable? Notably. There was even a laboured apology for there being no female interest. But the most notable lack was a more serious one: it is to be hoped that *Arena* is not, like BBC television's book programmes, completely to lack all real critical faculty.

'Carmen' cast change

Grace Bumbry is indisposed and unable to sing Carmen at Covent Garden. The young Yugoslav mezzo-soprano Ruza Baldani, will sing the title role on October 31, and November 3, 6, 12 and 15, and Gillian Knight sings it on November 18. Prices for this series are schedule B.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

SPORT

Golf

Eddie Polland : " driving beautifully and putting like an angel."

Polland sails through the calmer waters and into a decisive lead

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The Dunlop Masters golf tournament sailed out of the rough seas *on the opening day into calmer* waters yesterday but it was not until Eddie Polland took over the lead with a 66 for a halfway total of 140 that the scoring possibilities of the Ganton course became apparent. Playing alongside the overnight leader, Dale Hayes, he owed his three stroke lead to a stronger finish.

At the highwater mark of the round, when Hayes had an eagle three at the 13th and Polland followed him in from 20 feet for a birdie, they were level. But Hayes dropped shots at three holes running from the 15th and fell back into a tie for second place with Gary Player and Eddie *Pearce of the United States.* Polland and Pearce were the only ones to break 70 on a day when scoring did not improve as much as might be expected, considering the better weather.

That Polland was in the mood was apparent early in his round. Not, one hastens to add, at the first hole for there he took his only five, having driven into a bunker. This opening stroke was the only indifferent one of his round. Apart from that he drove beautifully, although for the absolute purist he missed the 16th fairway by a few feet and his tee shot to the 17th caught a bunker.

These were minor blemishes in a round in which he not only putted like an angel but hit a flow of fine irons. He was eight and five feet away for his birdies at the second and third and his four iron to the heart of the fourth was struck as well as may be. He could not reach the sixth or the 15th for there was still enough wind to make them severe fours, but he saved himself at each with putts of between four and eight feet.

The decisive factor in his round was probably his birdies from five and six yards at the seventh and eighth. In the entire day the combined holes were played a *total of 100 times. Between them* they yielded only seven birdies, two of which belong to the leader. It all added up to 27 putts but it was the quality of his golf that counted. Polland is fast becom*ing a personality, as distinct from* the mild eccentric he was at one time in danger of being considered. He has had a remarkable season considering he was out of action for four months at the beginning of it.

His victory in the match-play championship has given him stature and confidence, and his self-paid visit to the United States for a week may also have added *something. Hayes played well. In*deed, it is hard to know when he last failed to do so, but the putts were not dropping. Many went close and he always gave the hole a chance.

The three putts he took at the third and 16th both came from running too far past. " I finished *badly* ", he said, " *dropping* a shot at the 15th was excusable for it is a tough hole ", but the 16th and 17th were for him a different matter. It was typical of the man that, after moving into a leading position at the 13th, he should have fired a driver off the 14th tee, defying the dangers of tangling with the sentinel tree there, and *grinding as he returned the* club to its bag.

Player looked at one stage to be losing his grip. After an assortment of threes and fives he dropped a shot at each of the 12th *and 14th where one is looking for* birdie chances. He was about to drop another at the 15th but holed from nine feet for his par and finished strongly, holing a 20-yard chip at the 18th for one of six birdies there all day. It was an example of the class golfer holding his score together on a day *when he was not in top gear.*

Some members of this proud club should have been in the press tent to hear the praise showered on it by Pearce, the 23-year-old American who has qualified for the United States Open tournament every year since he first entered at the age of 16. He rates the greens as high as any he has ever putted on and puts Ganton up among the best six he has played in his life. He likes the character of such holes as the 14th in particular.

Pearce has not played the full American tour this year but stands high enough in the order of merit —in the mid-30s, as does Oosterhuis—*not to have to trouble about* pre-qualifying next year. His 69 included a six at the fourth where he missed the green and took three putts. Two putts in the 25 to 30 yard range helped him work his way back steadily to below par.

Gallacher had a solid round, attributing his improved form to a tip from John Jacobs who advised him to keep the clubhead lower on the takeaway. Gallacher is making a dogged defence of his title as Master Golfer and must have been well pleased to have found the green with a three wood for his second shot at both the ninth and 13th for his birdies. His 70 was the only other score better than par in the second round. He is paired with Barnes, his old foursomes partner, today, and the leader goes out last with Player at two o'clock.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	370	4	10	169	3
2	410	4	11	408	4
3	330	4	12	360	4
4	397	4	13	500	5
5	153	3	14	280	4
6	444	4	15	464	4
7	427	4	16	448	4
8	420	4	17	250	3
9	495	5	18	432	4
Out 3,457		36	In 3,306		35

Scores after two rounds

140: E. Polland (Balmoral), 74, 66.
143: G. Player (SA), 72, 71; E. Pearce (US), 74, 69; D. Hayes (SA), 71, 72.
144: B. Gallagher (Wentworth), 74, 70.
146: B. Barnes (Cluny Hills), 75, 71.
147: P. Dawson (Hartsbourne), 76, 71; T. Horton (R. Jersey), 74, 73.
149: H. Green (US), 77, 72; P. Townsend (Portmarnock), 75, 74; D. Chillas (Turnberry), 74, 75; P. Butler (unattached), 76, 73; A. Gallardo (Spain), 75, 74.
150: C. O'Connor (R. Dublin), 79, 71; M. Foster (Clayton), 77, 73; S. Ballasteros (Spain), 75, 75; A. Oosthuizen (SA), 76, 74.
151: J. O'Leary (Jurys), 79, 72; M. Gregson (Almaina Park), 75, 76; P. Thomson (Australia), 78, 73; S. Torrance (Routenburn), 77, 74; E. Darcy (Erewash Valley), 76, 75.
152: M. Bembridge (Little Aston), 78, 74; V. Fernandez (Argentina), 78, 74; C. O'Connor jnr (Carlow), 78, 74.
153: L. Platts (Westcliff), 81, 72; N. Job (Beckenham Place Pk), 77, 76.
154: J. Newton (Australia), 81, 73; A. Garrido (Spain), 79, 75; M. Pinero (Spain), 81, 73.
155: N. Coles (Holiday Inns), 82, 73; M. Undswood (US), 79, 76; D. McClelland (Hartsbourne), 80, 75.
156: R. de Vincenzo (Argentina), 81, 75; B. Huggett (Cambridgeshire Hotel), 79, 77; C. Mason (Goring and Streatley), 78, 68; L. Higgins (Waterville), 80, 76.
157: G. Hunt (Southampton Mun), 79, 78; R. Charles (NZ), 82, 75.
158: D. Vaughan (Hill Valley), 85, 73; D. Jagger (Mount Irvine Bay), 78, 80; D. Sewell (Ferndown), 81, 77.
159: J. Cantrares (Spain), 81, 78.
160: N. Wood (Turnberry Hotel), 84, 76.
161: C. DeFoy (Bryn Meadows), 87, 74; S. Ballesteros (Spain), 84, 77.
163: P. Leonard (R. Co Down), 85, 78.

SUSONO, Japan: 66, My Aye (Burma), 67, K. Mori, T. Kawada, K. Yamada, M. Imai, 68, B. Arda, B. Jones, H. Ishii, E. Matsui, H. Uohara, K. Kikuchi.

Boxing

How Ali kept going in those last two rounds

Manila, Oct 2.—Muhammad Ali, wearing dark glasses to shield his bruised right eye, today compared his savage attack on Joe Frazier, in the last two rounds of their world heavyweight title bout here to the suicide mission of a Japanese kamikaze pilot. He told newsmen at his hotel suite that he would have regretted it for years if he had lost the bout. He had to win those last two rounds and he did not care if he hurt or broke his hands doing it.

The champion said he thought of all the things he was fighting for—the cause, particularly of the black people in America and he told himself " I gotta go ". The Japanese Second World War kamikaze pilots dive bombed their planes into enemy warships because they had a cause, Ali *said. The Viet*cong too had a cause and this was the reason " they beat everybody ", including the Americans and the French, Ali went on. He said the Vietcong had nothing to eat but did not care because *of their cause while the Americans* " have cars and eat cheeseburgers " and were " too lazy and too rich to beat that kind of man ".

Ali said that during the bout he realized that losing to Frazier " can destroy men and the million of things " he wanted to do for his race and this thought gave him the drive " to get up and go " during the final rounds. This was the reason, he said, that he was hard to beat. A man who lost such a contest as yesterday will live to be 95 *and the loss will always be with* him. " It's best to be a winner. I am not embarrassed and can go anywhere. Frazier got to walk to the airport and people will say, 'I'm sorry you lost champ'. He's got to live with that all his life till he's 95 years old. *You'll* always remember that date ", he added.

At a party given by President Ferdinand Marcos and wife, Imelda, at the Malacanang Palace, Ali said his side hurt him. The pain, he claimed, was caused by an " illegal " punch by Frazier " but he got away with it. That [the punch] stops you from moving. Otherwise I'm all right." Seeing President Marcos on the dance floor *with other guests, Ali said:* " Look at him dancing, like a little boy. One of the greatest men in the world . . . the sweetest that ever lived. You can't do this in America in the White House."

Frazier described *Ali* as " *a tough* champ, a great champ ". Frazier's praises for Ali came after a reporter remarked that the challenger had probably made Ali a greater champion because of his fine performance. " I'll agree to that ", the 31-year-old Frazier said. " I come to work. I come to fight. He done what he had to do, that's the main thing." Frazier said he felt bad about the bout being stopped but everybody got " their money's worth ". He said Ali " fought a smart fight ", because the champion abandoned his *rope-a-dope tactics* which " do him no good ". Then he added : " I should have kicked more stuff."

Ali, who had said after the bout this was probably the last time anyone *would see* him box, declared " I don't want to quit today as bad as I *did* after the fight yesterday when I was so tired. And, I shan't want to quit quite as much tomorrow." He admitted he did not want to leave the centre-stage of *heavyweight fighting,* but added : " If I go again . . . it'll be at least five million dollars." With money like that he said he could continue to " do things and help a lot of people ".

He did not believe Frazier should hang up his gloves. " *I don't think he* should ", he champion said. " He's still great. He's younger than I am. He's got two more years to be where I'm at now." But, with Frazier's wife, Florence, *and* four children all urging him to leave the ring, the betting tonight was that after a period of reflection Smokin Joe would decide not to stoke up his fire again.

Ali speculated that he still had time *to box again this year.* But, then weariness overcame him and he added quietly : " I deserve six months rest on my farm, with my little, sweet children, going to the drugstore, cuttin' the grass and livin' like everybody else." But the indications were that Ali will never be able to live like everyone else and already there are plans for him to visit Teheran *and Frankfurt.* It looked as though the farm and children might have to wait a while.

Frazier said he thought he had the champion beaten from the first round. *He added that he* and the champion exchanged barbs during the bout. At one time Ali called him " washed-up " and Frazier, then hammering at Ali's body, replied: " somebody's lying." Asked if he and Ali were " good for each other " *in boosting their reputa*tions, Frazier said yes. " One of these days, we might cut a movie ", he quipped.

Ali and Frazier have paid income taxes worth 1.2m United States dollars (nearly £600,000) to the Philippines Government. The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) said the payment represented 30 per cent of the gross purse paid by the Government to the two *American heavyweights as co-promoters* of their bout. Ali grossed $3m and paid $900,000 tax the BIR said. Frazier, who earned $1m, paid $300,000. The two boxers are expected to earn $4m and $2m more respectively from Don King Productions of New York, who jointly promoted the contest.—Agencies.

Motor racing

Lauda still left with two aims at Watkins Glen

By John Blunsden

The 1975 Formula One racing season draws to a close this weekend at the Watkins Glen circuit in the picturesque Finger Lakes district of New York State. It will be there, *on Sunday afternoon,* that the fourteenth and final world *championship grand prix will take* place to decide, among other things, whether Emerson Fittipaldi or Carlos Reutemann will finish second to the champion, Niki Lauda, this year, and whether *Brabham-Ford or McLaren-Ford* finish the season closest to Ferrari in the constructors' championship.

For most people, however, preoccupation with championship points has ended for this year. For them victory in the United States Grand Prix will be ample consolation for failing to secure the world title. Of those who are racing at Watkins Glen this weekend, only three—Fittipaldi, Reutemann and Peterson—are past winners of what is generally considered to be the most rewarding of all grands prix.

Surprisingly, a Ferrari driver has never won the race, nor has a world champion during the year *of his title, but Lauda will be* determined to rectify both these omissions. Last year the Italian team's challenge was blunted by suspension problems, underlining the fact that this 3.4 miles course, with its bewildering variety of corners, is among the most difficult of grand prix tracks for which to tune a racing car chassis.

Since last year a new chicane has been inserted into the course between the second and third corners, which will considerably reduce the speed of cars through what hitherto has proved to be a highly hazardous section of the track. The effect is likely to increase lap times by two to three seconds and therefore will put Reutemann's best 1974 practice time of 1min 38.978sec out of reach when the first training sessions begin this morning.

This race will mark the first public appearance of John Watson at the wheel of the latest Citibank *Penske, the car which the late* Mark Donohue helped to design and which he was due to drive next year. It is likely that Watson, who is considered to be among the most able of grand prix drivers, will become the Penske team's regular driver in 1976. There is even a possibility that he will shave off his impressive beard to conform to the clean cut *image of this hitherto all-Ameri*can team.

The French element in Ken Tyrrell's grand prix team has been strengthened for this final race by *the inclusion of Michel Leclere,* aged 28. He will be in the team's spare Elf Tyrrell-Ford, following *his successful season in Formula* Two racing, during which he has won three European championship races.

Lella Lombardi, who has been driving a March-Ford in Europe, switches to the second Williams-Ford for her final 1975 appearance. Chris Amon, the unluckiest driver, is a late hour withdrawal from the Ensign team, having damaged three toes in a road accident in the United States. The Surtees and Stanley BRM teams are also absentees from this final grand prix, which will be over 59 laps of the circuit, a total distance of 199 miles. The leading positions in the world championship are :

DRIVERS: 1, Lauda, 58½pts; 2, E. Fittipaldi, 39; 3, Reutemann, 37; 4, Hunt, 30; 5, Regazzoni, 25; 6, Pace, 24; 7, Schechter, 19; 8, Mass, 16; 9, Depailler, 12; 10, Price, 8.
CONSTRUCTORS: 1, Ferrari, 63½; 2, Brabham-Ford, 54; 3, McLaren-Ford, 37; 4, Hesketh-Ford, 30; 5, Tyrrell-Ford, 24; 6, Shadow-Ford, 9½.

Cliff Morgan, one of the most distinguished rugby players of modern times, is the new head of BBC Television Outside Broadcasts. He takes up his appointment on Monday and succeeds Tony Preston, who has been appointed controller of programmes at Southern Television. Morgan, 45, has been head of BBC Radio Outside Broadcasts since February this year. Married with two children, he won 29 Welsh caps.

Football

Derby would welcome return with Juventus

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

The first stage of European competition is over and now that all the stragglers have revealed themselves in late night results the roll call shows that nine sides have survived from the original British Isles entry of 17.

There are five of the Football League's seven samurai—Derby County in the senior European Cup; West Ham United and Wrexham *in the Cup Winners'* Cup; and Ipswich Town and Liverpool in the Uefa Cup. To these may be added Rangers, Celtic and Dundee United from Scotland and Athlone of the Republic of Ireland. *As usual the greatest casual*ties were suffered by the Irish on each side of the border where five of their half dozen contestants fell by the wayside. The English wounded were Everton and Aston Villa.

Today the draw for the second round of the three competitions will be made in Zurich and that will be of prime importance. Francis Lee—the " hit man " of *Derby's late win over Slovan* Bratislava—when asked his preference for his club's next opponent replied that he and they would prefer something gentle in the shape of a trip either against Norwegians or Finns. Alas, none of these remain. Already tested by the talented Slovaks, Derby may have to prepare for another sharp examination.

The sheep and the goats have been largely separated and now left in the European Cup field are sides like Bayern Munich, the holders—searching for their third successive triumph—Borussia Mönchen Gladbach, Dinamo Kiev (who are virtually the Russian national team), Real Madrid, Benfica, Hadjuk Split, Yugoslav champions, Ruch Chorzow, the tough Poles, St Etienne, of France, who reached the semi-final round last year, Ujpest Dozsa, the Hungarians, and Juventus, of Turin.

Any of these could be a handful. If one of them is to cross the English path then Juventus in a sense would be acceptable. Derby still nourish a burning desire to avenge their questionable semi-final round defeat by the Italians in 1973 when more than a little suspicion surrounded the referee.

Two results of Wednesday night demand particular attention. Borussia, having been surprisingly held 1—1 at home by the Austrians, Wacker Innsbruck, rose to their full power in the return to win 6—1 away. To do so without the presence of their dynamic World Cup player, Bonhof, suffering a broken arm, underlined the power of the West German champions.

*The other event was a wonder*ful recovery on the part of FC Zurich against Ujpest which was doomed to eventual failure. Having lost 0—4 in Hungary the Swiss pulled back to 5—1 at home for a 5—5 aggregate. Yet the decision went to the Hungarians by *virtue of their " away goal ".* Fancy scoring five times and having to bow out! There is something wryly sad about it.

Elsewhere Everton fought hard before losing to AC Milan by a penalty kick, the single goal in three hours of play. This was predictable enough, the shape of things in the hard, cynical Italian game. Ipswich Town, inconsistent so far in the league at home, added to their spurs by beating Feyenoord, the Dutch European champions of 1970, by the incontestible aggregate margin of 4—1.

Once more it was Woods, the blithe Ipswich left winger who helped to destroy the opposition—*as he had done in Rotterdam*—with another solo goal and a pinpoint centre for Whymark. West Ham United, however, lost some face by taking a long time to wear down the Finnish amateurs, Reipas Lahti, 3—0 (5—2 on aggregate) at Upton Park in the Cup Winners' Cup. Yet West Ham refuse to be hurried or harried out of their cultured approach.

Sadly for the Midlands and for all older traditionalists Aston Villa's first exploration of Europe ended peremptorily. Silenced 1—4 in Antwerp, they lost at home 0—1 to the leaders of the Belgian league and not even the hopeful roar of their supporters could fan the flames of ancient Villa Park.

Finally to return to Derby's 3—2 (overall 3—1) defeat of Slovan at the Baseball Ground. It was a near thing and they knew it. Only 10 minutes remained, with extra time looking everyone in the eye at an aggregate 1—1, before the Slovaks at last surrendered as Lee scored twice and missed a penalty in a space of some four minutes. After mounting pressure and a *show of patience* as the clock ticked on remorselessly, it was an inspirational finish.

As for that missed penalty (Derby, through Lee, twice, and Rioch have already failed three *times in this fashion this season*) it was decided beforehand that if another spot kick came their way George was to take it. But when the moment arrived Lee, his tail well up, waved George out of the way and took the shot himself. He regretted it afterwards even though Vencel, the Bratislava goalkeeper, was seen later on television to have moved distinctly as Lee ran up.

Not that it mattered, but a thing like this could be costly in the future. European competition is a matter of knowing all the tricks and achieving a working knowledge of other languages. One thing that Don Revie—absorbing the opposition style and technique and watching the four or five Slovak players who will be in the Czechoslovak national side when England go to Bratislava for the European championship later this *month—will have learnt is that* his side must carry the attack to the enemy. To allow such talented technicians to settle on the ball and spray it around in sharp, unexpected angles would be to court trouble.

Tennis

It is ABC for Britain's talented youngsters

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Paul Hutchins, who has been Britain's national team manager for seven months, yesterday announced six tennis training squads, three for each sex. A total of 37 players are involved. Effective from next Monday until December 31, when their personnel will be reconsidered, the squads are controversial only in the inevitable *sense that they involved a process* of selection and could not include all the obvious candidates.

In doing the job he set out to do, Hutchins made himself vulnerable as all selectors must. But *during a press conference at the* Lawn Tennis Association headquarters he somehow kept a straight face as he patiently parried even the most gauche of a barrage of leading questions. The young man's firmness and composure have repeatedly come under fire since he took up this new post. But he shows no signs of flinching.

A decade ago Hutchins himself was a member of the " Barrett squad ", which eventually foundered in a morass of administrative apathy. He told us he was a great believer in the squad system, which tended to identify the best of a group of players who *were of a similar standard when* they came together. The training would be as competitive as he could make it. There was to be a change of policy in that players would practice on carpet courts rather than wood.

The A squads consist of leading players except for those too fully committed to be considered. The B squads are for youngsters who have left school and are prepared to play full-time (on this basis Hutchins considers players devoting three years to university studies cannot come into the reckoning). The C squads consist of schoolchildren who will be brought together for training and practice as often *as possible.*

The A and B *squads will have a* wide range of training and practice facilities during the winter. The men's B squad, who seem to be Hutchins's chief concern for the moment, will be accommodated at Wimbledon YMCA and will undergo a strenuous programme on the tennis court, the running track, and in the gymnasium. The women's B squad, which consists of only three players, will not have such a strict schedule. The formation of under-14 squads will be considered later. Squad members will have the *first option* on tours.

The opportunities were limited, said Hutchins, and he wanted to give them to players who were taking up the game full-time and would really work at it. Among the players omitted are Mark Farrell and Stephen Warboys. Hutchins said his views about what they should be doing to improve their tennis differed from theirs, so for the time being they would go their own way. He was still undecided about John Feaver and Anthony Lloyd. Jacqueline Fayter and Annette Coe are missing from the women's list. Mark Cox, Roger Taylor, Christopher Mottram and Virginia Wade are established players who are heavily engaged on the international cir*cuit. Susan Mappin was not* the most obvious candidate for a scheme that naturally concentrates on younger players.

The European indoor team championship for the King's Cup *is to be revised next year,* with eight competing teams each playing seven matches at home and seven away between January and March. The chief sponsors, Saab (the competition is Swedish in origin), will put in about £60,000. The nations taking part will be Britain, France, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Sweden, West Germany and Yugoslavia. Hutchins hopes that Mottram will be available for all Britain's matches and *Cox and Taylor for some of them.*

United States go through

Kingston, Oct 2.—The United States seeded first, advanced to the semi-final round of the Nations Cup tournament when they beat Mexico here last night. Roscoe Tanner beat Joaquin Loyo-Mayo 6—2, 6—1 and Arthur Ashe *beat Raul Ramirez,* 3—6, 6—4, 7—6.

The United States will now meet Chile on Friday night. Their main rivals, Australia, take on India to see who meets Great Britain in the other semi-final *tomorrow afternoon.*

Tanner, whose service has been timed at 140 mph, outclassed Loyo-Mayo and wrapped up the one-sided affair in 50 minutes. Tanner produced seven aces that demoralized the little Mexican. *Forced to stay on the baseline,* Loyo-Mayo dropped his service in the sixth game of the first set and his own game rapidly disintegrated.

Tanner broke the Mexican's weak service again in the eighth game for the set.

Ashe is now riding the crest *of a wave after two more victories* in 100,000 dollar (about £50,000) tournaments. But he started gingerly and dropped the first set in 35 minutes. The second set went with service until the seventh game when Ramirez broke *through. Ashe countered imme*diately and broke Ramirez twice to love and levelled the score.

The biggest crowd so far were enthralled by the final set which lasted 51 minutes. Ramirez saved four match points—in the ninth *and 10th games—before losing the* tiebreaker, 7—3.

Results (US names first): R. Tanner beat J. Loyo-Mayo, 6—2, 6—1; A. Ashe beat R. Ramirez, 3—6, 6—4, 7—6. Ashe and Tanner lost to Ramirez and Loyo-Mayo, 6—7, 6—7.—Reuter.

MISSION VIEJO, California: Miss C. Evert beat Miss L. Antonopolis, 6—1, 6—1; Miss W. Overton beat Miss S. Stap, 6—1, 1—6, 6—1; Mrs C. Doerner beat Miss T. Holliday, 6—1, 3—7, 6—3; Miss R. Nancison beat Miss H. Gleceire, 6—1, 6—1; Miss L. Boshoff beat Miss P. Teeguarden, 7—1, 6—1; Miss M. Navratilova beat Miss M. Struthers, 6—1, 6—1; Miss L. Hunt beat Miss M. Lovie, 6—2, 7—6; Miss D. Fromholtz beat Miss I. Fernandez 6—2, 6—2.

Cricket

Worcester meet to discuss club affairs

Worcestershire County Cricket Club will hold an extraordinary general meeting of members at Worcester Shire Hall on October 21. The committee intend to give a *full* account of the events that led to Worcestershire players sending a letter to each of the 54 members of the committee, expressing dissatisfaction with the *way in which some matters were* being handled by club officers.

Members of the club are also pressing for a full explanation of why five players, who helped Worcestershire win the 1974 county *championship, have been* dismissed. In particular, the dismissal of Brian Brain, the county's leading fast bowler, has caused great protest.

Brain has signed to play for Gloucestershire next season. Gloucestershire hope Brain will prove the necessary replacement they need since Procter broke down with his knee injury this season.

David Lloyd captain for another year

Lancashire have reappointed 28-year-old *David Lloyd* as captain next year, his fourth season in charge. The Lancashire chairman, *Cedric Rhoades, said* yesterday : " We are all delighted David is to continue as captain. After a very hard season in which his side won the Gillette Cup and were unlucky not to finish higher than fourth in the county championship he came through some tremendous pressure with great credit."

Lloyd hit 1,014 runs for an average of 36.21 in first class matches last summer, despite starting the season suffering from *the after-effects of a neck injury* received with MCC in Australia. He also missed three vital weeks towards the end of the season with a broken hand.

Richards may be denied entry into N Zealand

Wellington, Oct 2.—The South African cricketer, Barry Richards, may be denied entry into New Zealand to compete in a double-wicket tournament later this year, a foreign affairs spokesman said *here, tonight.*

The Wellington Cricket Association have written to the Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Joseph Walding, asking if Richards can obtain a visa. The letter stressed that he had been invited as an individual and not as a South African representative.

The New Zealand Government do not issue visas to sportsmen holding a South African passport unless their sport is racially integrated *at all levels. It is* not yet known if Richards will be available for the competition.—Reuter.

Wednesday's football results

European Cup

First round

Bohemians (-) 1 **Rangers** (-) 1
T. O'Connor Johnstone
8,000
Rangers won 5—2 on aggregate.
Derby (1) 3 **Slovan Bratislava** (0) 0
Bourne, Lee (2) 30,888
Derby won 3—1 on aggregate.
Eindhoven (-) 8 **Linfield** (-) 0
Eindhoven won 10—1 on aggregate.

OTHER RESULTS: Bayern Munich (WG) 3, Jeunesse d'Esch (Luxemburg) 1 (aggregate 8—1). Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 0 (aggregate 2—4). Dinamo Kiev (USSR) 1, Olympiakos (Greece) 0 (aggregate 3—2). Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 0 (aggregate 1—7). Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 3, Floriana La Valetta (Malta) 0 (aggregate 8—0). Kuopion Palloseura (Finland) 2, Ruch Chorzow (Poland) 2 (aggregate 3—7). Magdeburg (EG) 2, Malmo (Sweden) 1 (aggregate 3—3. Malmo won 2—1 on penalties). Viking Stavanger (Norway) 0, RWD Molenbeek (Belgium) 1 (aggregate 2—4). Wacker Innsbruck (Austria) 1, Borussia Monchen Gladbach (WG) 6 (aggregate 2—7). Juventus (Italy) 2, CSKA September Flag Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 (aggregate 3—2). St Etienne (France) 3, KB Copenhagen (Denmark) 1 (aggregate 5—1). Zurich (Switzerland) 5, Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 1 (aggregate 5—5, UD on away).

Cup Winners' Cup

First round

West Ham (0) 3 **L Reipas** (0) 0
Robson (2) 24,131
Jennings
West Ham won 5—2 on aggregate.
Celtic (5) 7 **Valur Reykjavik** (0) 0
Edvaldsson, 16,000
Dalglish,
McCluskey (pen)
Hood (2),
Deans,
Callaghan
Celtic won 9—0 on aggregate.
Djurgarden (0) 1 **Wrexham** (1) 1
Lorvtors Whitel
4,000
Wrexham won 3—2 on aggregate.
RC Lens (3) 6 **Home Farm Drumcondra** (0) 0
Kaiser (3), Nonfhenry, Llorens,
Mulica (pen),
20,000
R C LENS won 7—1 on aggregate.

OTHER RESULTS: Anorthosis (Cyprus) 1, Ararat Yerevan (USSR) 1 (aggregate 1—10). Boavista Porto (Portugal) 3, Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia) 0 (aggregate 3—0). Den Haag (Netherlands) 2, Vejle BK (Denmark) 0 (aggregate 2—0). Sachsenring Zwickau (EG) 2, Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 (aggregate 2—1). Stal Rzeszow (Poland) 4, Skeid Oslo (Norway) 0 (aggregate 5—1). Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria) 1, Sturm Graz (Austria) 0 (aggregate 2—3). Anderlecht (Belgium) 2, Rapid Bucharest (Romania) 0 (aggregate 3—1). Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1, Basle (Switzerland) 1 (aggregate 3—2). Fiorentina (Italy) 3, Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey) 0 (aggregate 6—0). Sachsenring Zwickau (EG) 2, Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 (aggregate 3—0).

Uefa Cup

First round

AC Milan (0) 1 **Everton** (0) 0
Poloni pen.
50,000
A C MILAN won 1—0 on aggregate.
Aston Villa (0) 0 **FC Antwerp** (1) 1
31,513 Kodat
FC Antwerp won 5—1 on aggregate.
Ajax (3) 8 **Glentoran** (0) 1
Nottem Van Dord 5,000
Geels (3)
Muchren
Brokamp (2)
Ajax won 14—1 on aggregate.
Ipswich (3) 2 **Feyenoord** (0) 0
Woods, 30,403
Whymark
Ipswich won 4—1 on aggregate.
Valerangen (0) 1 **Athlone** (1) 1
Olavsen Martin
717
Athlone won 4—1 on aggregate.

OTHER RESULTS: AHK Athens (Greece) 3, Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yugoslavia) 1 (aggregate 3—1). AS Roma (Italy) 0, Dunav Russe (Bulgaria) 1 (aggregate 2—1). Avenir Beggen (Luxemburg) 0, Porto (Portugal) 3 (aggregate 0—10). BK 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 2, Cologne (WG) 3 (aggregate 2—5). Eskisehirspor (Turkey) 1, Levsky Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) 4 (aggregate 1—7). Dinamo Dresden (EG) 4, AS Armata Tirgu (Romania) 1 (aggregate 6—3). Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey) 3, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (aggregate 3—31). Hamburg SV (WG) 4, Young Boys Berne (Switzerland) 2 (aggregate 4—2). HJK Helsinki (Finland) 1, Hertha Berlin (WG) 2 (aggregate 2—5). Honved Budapest (Hungary) 1, Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 (aggregate 3—3). Napoli (Italy) 1, Torpedo Moscow (USSR) 1 (aggregate 2—5). Oester Vaexjoe (Sweden) 6, Molde SK (Norway) 0 (aggregate 7—1). Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1, Universitate (Romania) 1 (aggregate 4—2). Slask Wroclaw (Poland) 4, Gais Goteborg (Sweden) 2 (aggregate 5—4). Spartak Moscow (USSR) 1, AIK Stockholm (Sweden) 0 (aggregate 2—1). Stal Mielec (Poland) 2, Holbaek BIF (Denmark) 1 (aggregate 3—1). Vasas Budapest (Hungary) 4, Voest Linz (Austria) 0 (aggregate 4—2). Barcelona (Spain) 6, PAOK Salonica (Greece) 1 (aggregate 6—2). Bruges (Belgium) 0, Olympique Lyonnais (France) 0 (aggregate 4—3). Olympique Marseille (France) 0, Carl Zeiss Jena (EG) 1 (aggregate 0—4). Real Saragossa (Spain) 2, Inter Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 3 (aggregate 2—8). RS San Sebastian (Spain) 1, Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 1 (aggregate 4—4, SS away). Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 3, Slioma Wanderers (Malta) 1 (aggregate 5—2).

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: Quarter-final round: Aberdeen (1) 1, Middlesbrough (2)5. Middlesbrough won 7-2 on aggregate. Heart of Midlothian (1)2, Fulham (3)2. Fulham won 5-4 on aggregate.

RUGBY UNION: Abertillery 23, South Wales Police 3; Cardiff 21, Penarth 15; Coventry 38, Birmingham 19; Ebbw Vale 17, Aberavon 9; Gloucester 9, Moseley 22; Hampshire 15, Berkshire 6; Kent 11, Buckinghamshire 21; Lancashire 25, The Rest 10; Maesteg 28, Glamorgan Wanderers 7; Staffordshire 6, Cheshire 15; Swansea 26, Bridgend 3; Torquay Athletic 37, St Luke's College 6.

Show jumping

Pyrah ruled ineligble for Olympic Games

By Pamela MacGregor-Morris

The International Olympic Committee eligibility commission decided at a recent meeting that, in accordance with Rule 26—by-law B1, Malcolm Pyrah is not eligible to compete in the Olympic Games. This conclusion was announced at a press conference at the National Equestrian Centre at Stoneleigh yesterday by Major General Jack Reynolds, the director general of the British Equestrian Federation.

Pyrah, who owns two dry-cleaning shops in Hull and runs a yard of show-jumpers in Nottinghamshire with his wife, the former rider Judy Boulter, was reinstated as an amateur, having been given a professional licence two years ago during the witch-hunt for shamateurs, by the British Eques*trian Federation last spring.* The British Equestrian Federation re*quested the British Olympic Associ*ation *to put Pyrah's case forward* to the IOC and although his amateur status has been confirmed by the International Equestrian Federation, it was rejected. He is now considered to be an amateur in all international competitions, but not in the Olympic Games.

Pyrah is naturally disappointed but hardly surprised at the decision. " It means that the British selectors will have one left to choose from for next year's Olympic team," he said, " and I am personally sad because it has always been my ambition to ride for Britain in the Olympic team."

Inevitably one harks back to the *case of Graziano Mancinelli, who* was granted an amateur permit on the shaky grounds of a retroactive adoption by one of the horse-dealing Rivolta brothers, for whose firm he rode in Milan, in time to ride for Italy with the d'Inzeo brothers in the Tokyo Olympics of 1964. Hans Gunter Winkler, of West Germany, was in a similar position, but his amateur status has never been questioned.

There is now a move, and I understand that a non-British delegate from a European nation will bring it up at the next general assembly of the FEI in December, for all equestrian competitors to be *designated* merely as riders. But it seems doubtful that it will cut any ice with the IOC unless they elect not to differentiate between gentlemen and players in every other sport.

Mr Kingsley, the chairman of the Olympic Equestrian Fund, launched a draw of 2,000 tickets for a valuable canvas by the late Sir Alfred Munnings, depicting King George V presenting standards to the Household cavalry in June, 1927. It has been given to the fund by Mr Mason, the chairman of the MacConnel Mason Galleries in Duke Street.

The tickets, at £5 each, will raise £10,000 towards the target of £60,000 which is vital to our *equestrian efforts in Montreal.* It will cost £24,000 to transport the team to Canada, and only £16,000 will be given by the Sports Council, and an additional £1,000 *for equipment.*

At the Everest Double-Glazing Show yesterday the main event *of the meeting* was won by Paddy McMahon with Pennwood Forgemill, who jumped three clear rounds, and won the two-horse trial final from David Broome and Sportsman, who hit the parallel going into the double.

Captain Mark Phillips arrived on Wednesday night to ride the grey novice horse, Chain Bridge, *in the South Col Stakes,* but had two fences down. Victory went to Harvey Smith, who won on Olympic Star.

RESULT: 1, F. Harthill's Pennwood Forgemill (P. McMahon); 2, Harris Carpets' Sportsman (D. Broome); 3, M. Pyrah's April Love, Miss D. Johnsey's Croupier and S. Hadley's Corunna Bay.

The stable had another victory in the Stoneleigh Stakes, won by William Halliday on Johnnie Walker from Frederick Broome on Wenlock Wolf.

Rugby Union

Burgess predicts a gloomy future for France

Paris, Oct 2.—*Bob Burgess,* the former All Black stand-off half today hit out at the win-at-all-costs approach in French Rugby Union and called for a return to the " champagne " game.

" Rugby has become too important in France ", he said in an interview with the sports newspaper, *L'Equipe.* " Nobody wants to run the risk of running the ball from behind anymore."

Burgess, who toured Britain with the 1972-73 New Zealand team and is now player-coach with the French club Lyon, predicted a gloomy future for the sport in France if teams did not move back to a free-flowing style of game.

" *If the championship stays like* it is now then rugby *à la française* will die out ", he said. He blamed this on the influence of clubs like the National cham*pions, Béziers, who have built up* a near-invincible reputation—they suffered their first loss in 18 months last weekend—based on aggressive, heavy forwards and kicking halves.

If another club playing 15-man rugby began to dominate, he said, then perhaps the example would spread. Burgess said he was surprised by the quality of many players in France—particularly backs. He singled out the French *captain, Astre, and fellow half*backs, Pebeyre and Fouroux, and the stand-off, Gachassin, the one time " Peter Pan " of the five-nations tournament, for special mention.

Maso and Marot were the doyen of French centres he said. " But I think the best player of all, the most complete and the hardest player is Irish centre, Mike Gibson," Burgess said. " I would place former Welsh fly-half Barry *John, just behind. He was* an amazingly inspired player, but he had one big defect he was only a token defender. He never shone if his team was under pressure.—Agence France Presse.

Olympic Games

Glasgow is given strong support

The campaign to hold the Olympic Games in Glasgow received powerful support yesterday. Peter Heatly, who has won medals *both at the Olympics and at the* Commonwealth Games, said in Edinburgh : " I don't think we should shrink from the prospect."

He was answering questions at a *conference* on the annual report of the Scottish Sports Council of which he is vice-chairman.

Judo

British team for Vienna

David Starbrook and Brian Jacks, who both won medals in the Munich Olympics, are included in the British team for *the world judo championships* in Vienna from October 23 to 25. Starbrook, a light-heavyweight, finished third in the last two world championships.

TEAM: Lightweights: S. Birch (Huddersfield), R. Nemen (London). Middleweights: B. Jacks (London), R. Inman (London). Light-heavyweights: D. Starbrook (London), P. Donnelly (Sutton Coldfield).

Semi-final draw

The draw for the semi-final round of the Anglo-Scottish Cup was made yesterday and is :
Fulham v Motherwell
Middlesbrough v Mansfield
Matches to be played between October 20 and November 3.

Today's fixtures

Fourth division
Northampton v Doncaster (7.30).
Southport v Bradford City (7.30)
Tranmere v Torquay (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: *Castleford v Hull KR (7.30). Second* division: Barrow v Blackpool (7.0); Whitehaven v New Hunslet (7.0).

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Racing

Italian takes over at Bedford House

By Michael Phillips

When others are giving up training it is interesting to hear about somebody who is about to begin, especially in these troubled times. Luca Cumani, the 25-year-old son of the leading Italian trainer, Sergio Cumani, has just taken over the Bedford House stables in Newmarket, where the late Jack Clayton trained for so many years. Cumani will start there next year with about 25 horses, most of which will be two-year-olds and likely to be owned by Italians.

Cumani has been living in Newmarket for the last two years getting the hang of training on the Heath in his role of assistant trainer to Henry Cecil. In a roundabout way Cumani has already made an impact on racing in this country because it was he who advised Carlo d'Alessio to send his good Italian sprinter New Model, to be trained here by Cecil last year.

That operation bore fruit when New Model won the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket in the autumn and the success of it encouraged Mr d'Alessio not only to buy his two good two-year-olds Wollow and Take Your Place and to send them to Cecil but also to bring Bolkonski here for his three-year-old career.

Bolkonski has won the 2,000 Guineas, the St James's Palace Stakes and the Sussex Stakes this season. Cecil will continue to train for Mr d'Alessio but he will also have some horses with Cumani next year.

I also gathered yesterday that Robert Sangster's Wokingham Stakes winner, Boone's Cabin, is to stand at the Banstead Manor stud near Newmarket next year and that his fee will be £1,200 with the no foal no fee clause attached. Boone's Cabin is currently standing in Australia where he went this summer not long after he had humped 10st to his famous victory in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot. Boone's Cabin is a full brother to Home Guard, another excellent sprinter who stands in Ireland. They are both by Forli, one of the most fashionable sires of the moment.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Manchester Handicap, Doncaster: Davett, Halsall. All Engts (dead): Carl Richard, Garrynagree, Round The Moon.

Hittite Glory weathers wind and knocks to win for Breasley

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

As far as Scobie Breasley was concerned justice was done at Newmarket yesterday when he saddled Ravi Tikkoo's handsome colt, Hittite Glory, to win the Middle Park Stakes. Breasley would have had charge of Steel Heart, who also won the race 12 months ago for Mr Tikkoo, had Mr Tikkoo not taken him away and sent him to be trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld; not because there was any conflict between the two but purely a protest against the levying of VAT on bloodstock in this country.

Breasley was understandably disappointed, having chosen Steel Heart when he was a yearling and broken him. His disappointment became acute when he then watched Steel Heart win the Gimcrack Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes. But yesterday those tears of disappointment became tears of joy when he watched Hittite Glory pip Duke Ellington at the end of a race that had us all on our toes and in suspense for some time afterwards.

From the start it appeared that Durr had violated the rules while trying to wiggle through his field. But the camera patrol film proved differently. The wind was blowing in great gusts yesterday and the film made it clear that Arch Sculptor, who was racing on the outside and Duke Ellington were blown off course by the wind and that in veering sharply to his left Duke Ellington hampered Hittite Glory, who in turn interfered with the favourite, Folmar, and Royal Boy But they were both beaten at the time. What mattered most was the clash between Duke Ellington and Hittite Glory and it was this that provoked a stewards' inquiry and no little discussion.

I saw the film of the race later in company with Duke Ellington's trainer, Ryan Price, and he was the first to agree that his colt was to blame, though the wind was probably the real culprit. This was ironical, as Duke Ellington's breeder and part-owner, Mrs Liam Ward, was to remark later, because his dam, Zanzara, was also blown completely off course by a gale which ruined the first day at Goodwood in 1954. But for that, she might have won the Stewards Cup instead of finishing only third. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

Hittite Glory would have been

Frank Durr: at 48, riding as well as ever.

a desperately unlucky loser had he been pipped. He was still last passing the bushes two and a half furlongs from home, but going conspicuously well. At that stage Durr seemed to have nowhere to go, but then a narrow gap appeared and he seized his opportunity. But no sooner was he through than he encountered trouble. Having been knocked sideways in the dip, Hittite Glory did really well to rally and snatch the prize when all seemed lost.

Mr Tikkoo gave 30,000 guineas for Hittite Glory at the Houghton Sales last year. As his colt has amassed £31,636 he has every reason to be pleased, especially as Hittite Glory should develop into a miler, whereas his winner last year, Steel Heart, was no more than a sprinter. Hittite Glory is by Habitat and out of one of Brook Holliday's good mares, Hazy Idea who had the speed to win over six furlongs and the stamina to stay a mile and three-quarters. The quality for which the Holliday breed has always been renowned exudes from Hittite Glory and it will be interesting to see how much his younger half brother by Crepello fetches when he is submitted for sale by the Cleaboy stud at Newmarket in a fortnight.

The memory of Steel Heart's defeat in the Dewhurst Stakes a year ago after he top had won the Middle Park Stakes, will not deter Mr Tikkoo from letting Hittite Glory take his chance in the same race at Newmarket in a fortnight, but rather naturally he and Breasley want to see how their colt comes through yesterday's race before making up their minds.

The thought of Hittite Glory tackling Wallow and Malinowski is something to relish. On the face of it Hittite Glory has a few pounds to make up on Wallow on a line through Patris. The tote are offering 20 to 1 against Hittite Glory winning the 2,000 Guineas next year, which would seem to be a rather more realistic price than the 10 to 1 offered by Hill's.

Durr, who is 48, has never ridden better than during this season. He also won the Southfield Handicap for Mr Tikkoo and Breasley on Pink Palace and he nearly won the Melbourne Handicap for them too on Neutron Star. Only on this occasion Athens Moss and Mercer were just too strong.

Hide, who has missed much of the season through injury, also rode a double on Rippling and Sarong. Another jockey who has been in the wars this season to shine was Lynch and it was good to see him ride his 20th winner of the season when taking the Allington Plate on Net Call. Nicknamed Kipper since his early days in racing, Lynch missed six crucial weeks in the spring while recovering from injuries received in a motor accident. "And", as Lynch remarked to me, "it becomes harder and harder to get going again the more falls or knocks you take."

Lynch certainly found it difficult getting back into the swim of things and six weeks ago he had ridden only seven winners. But his luck has changed and he has ridden more winners than in the whole of 1974. By winning on Net Call, who was backed down to 10-1 from 20-1, Lynch was renewing a relationship; he was apprenticed to Sam Armstrong whose son, Robert, trains Net Call.

Piggott was offered the ride on Net Call by Armstrong, who is his brother-in-law, but he declined, opting instead for Petrina, who started favourite. Rumours that Petrina had worked exceptionally well with Dame Foolish, who finished second in the Cheveley Park Stakes the day before, tempted many to plunge on Petrina. But one look at her in the paddock was enough to spread caution.

STATE OF GOING (official): Wincanton: Good to firm. Haydock Park: Soft Tomorrow: Kelso: Good. Towcester: Good to firm. Chepstow: Good. Newmarket: Good.

Truly Yours victory at Haydock Park

By Jim Snow

This afternoon Haydock Park fills the gap before the return of racing to Newmarket on Saturday with the Cambridgeshire. Truly Yours is my selection to win the Bolton Stakes for two-yr-old fillies (2.15) for Sam Hall's Middleham stable.

In midsummer many of his 50 horses were affected by virus, and there were few runns and fewer winners. The change came in August. Dakota in the 15,000 Ebor Handicap was one of many winners saddled by Sam Hall in the past eight weeks. Truly Yours ran with much promise, though unplaced behind Panglin in the Horn Blower Stakes at Doncaster, for she was badly squeezed for room at the start.

It was her first run but she started second favourite and on her work at home Sam Hall felt she might make a winning first appearance. Peter Walwyn's Raffia, beaten five lengths at Lingfield Park by Trimmy, looks the pick of Truly Yours's rivals.

Oxton Lady, trained by Michael Easterby, whose three-year-old Bustello remains strongly fancied for tomorrow's Cambridgeshire, Lady Ice, and Marcus Game, from the remarkable dual purpose Durham stable of Arthur Stephenson—winners come on it under both rules regularly every week—are the three most likely to contest the finish of the six furlong Bryn Handicap (2.45).

Lady Ice has won four of her past six races, but she faces a stiff task as a three-year-old to give weight to the five-year-old Marcus Game and 8lb to another three-year-old, Oxton Lady. At the Ayr Western meeting, Oxton Lady won a strongly contested selling race, and she may give another winning ride to Edward Hide, who has lost little time in the past three weeks in picking up points after his lay-off from early June with a broken leg suffered at York.

The day's top prize, the Preston Handicap (3.15) may go to Sailing Ship, and Broken Cast may add to his victory of last week by winning the Outland Handicap for his joint owners, the Duke of Northumberland and the trainer, Dick Peacock.

Haydock Park programme

2.15 BOLTON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £696: 5f)

1 0 Beautiful Park (H. Walton), W. Haigh, 8-11 P. McGoldrick 7 19
3 0 Copper (D. Jordan), E. Collingwood, 8-11 ... O. Gray 7
4 00000 Cora (R. Swan), R. C. Ward, 8-11 ... T. O'Ryan 5 15
5 003 Crocodile Tears (F. Clark), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 ... J. Higgins 4
6 440 Deb (Maj J. Paine), R. Smyly, 8-11 ... F. Morby 6
7 00040 Evening Ray (W. Dootson), J. Cousins, 8-11 ... A. Cousins 6
9 0 Hardy Regal (N. Robinson), E. Cousins, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 9
12 00 Kilcarn Lass (Maj E. O'Kelly), G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ... B. Taylor 17
13 44440 Krugerrand (R. Peacock), R. D. Peacock, 8-11 ... J. Seagrave 5
14 44223 Lyncathal (W. Bickerstaffe), W. Haigh, 8-11 ... P. Cook 12
15 00 Maux Breeda (Mrs B. Potts), S. Brookshaw, 8-11 ... C. Moss 8
16 300 Mary Garden (E. Frankel), M. Stoute, 8-11 ... E. Hide 20
18 00234 Moon Blink (C. Maxsted), E. Weymes, 8-11 ... J. Mercer 14
19 40 Polifox (A. Clark), J. Spearing, 8-11 ... 11
20 2102 Raffia (Mrs D. Mackinnon), P. Walwyn, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 10
21 0 Spring Song (A. Fletcher), V. Mitchell, 8-11 ... M. Thomas 18
22 04 Swakara (C. Cleary), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 ... T. Ives 2
26 0 Truly Yours (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-11 ... A. Barclay 3
27 Young Sovereign (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 8-11 ... G. Baxter 11
28 00 Zander (I. Kornberg), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 ... W. Carson 16
29 03 Ziobia (Maj C. Bewicke), C. Bewicke, 8-11 ... J. Reid 5 1

5-1 Raffia, 7-2 Mary Garden, 9-2 Moon Blink, 6-1 Truly Yours, 7-1 Ziobia, 10-1 Zander, 12-1 Kilcarn Lass, Young Sovereign, 14-1 others.

2.45 BRYN HANDICAP (£690: 6f)

4 330-00 Intrenched (N. Hunt), B. van Cutsem, 5-9-3 ... W. Carson 12
5 10111 Lady Ice (D) (Mrs D. Heimann), J. Hindley, 3-9-3 ... A. Kimberley 6
6 00001 Great Charter (D) (Mrs E. Culley), R. Jarvis, 7-9-0 ... M. Thomas 7
7 010000 Go Go Gunner (D) (A. Ball), I. Walker, 4-9-0 P. Eddery 3
9 4100-0 Ritrada (C. Berlin), D. Marks, 5-8-11 ... G. Baxter 2
10 002000 Day Two (D) (R. G. Payne), V. Mitchell, 6-8-8 E. Apter 8
13 0-14030 Abercorn (D) (Mrs N. Napier), E. Collingwood, 3-8-7 ... O. Gray 9
14 220124 Marcus Game (D) (W. Sowerby), W. A. Stephenson, 5-8-7 ... A. Barclay 4
15 200321 Oxton Lady (D) (J. Hughes), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-7 E. Hide 1
17 100100 Doyenne (D) (S. Fraser), P. Cundell, 3-8-5 ... P. Cook 14
20 303000 Gold Tipped (D) (J. Parkman), A. Stevens, 5-8-1 ... R. Weaver 5 15
23 023-409 Steady Valley (Mrs I. Lewin), R. Armstrong, 5-7-13 ... G. Duffield 5
25 033430 Prince Mandarin (D) (T. Fu), R. Jarvis, 5-7-10 D. Cullen 11
27 000000 ShGay (D) (Miss D. Dalzell), J. Cousins, 5-7-8 ... C. Eccleston 13
28 4000-00 She in the Dark (C) (D) (G. Morley), L. Shedden, 5-7-7 ... K. Lewis 5 10

100-30 Oxton Lady, 4-1 Lady Ice, 6-1 Great Charter, 7-1 Intrenched, 17-2 Marcus Game, 11-1 Doyenne, 14-1 Go Go Gunner, Day Two, Abercorn, 16-1 Prince Mandarin, Ritrada, 20-1 others.

3.15 PRESTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,035: 1m 2f 131yd)

3 44-1220 The Sergeant (D. Faulkner), E. Carr, 9-3 ... C. Ecclesion 5
4 2-20300 Gaelic (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 9-1 A. Bond 8
6 1-021 Be Gyrful (C. Harper), W. Marshall, 8-9 ... P. Cook 6
8 1-00343 Sailing Ship (C) (J. Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-8 W. Carson 1
10 211434 Walk Around (Mrs J. Aspell), W. Haigh, 8-6 ... O. Gray 7
11 422004 Fair Deed (W. Barnett), H. Candy, 8-5 ... P. Waldron 4
12 144430 Gold Claim (Mrs F. Browne), C. Bewicke, 8-5 ... J. Reid 5 2
14 003312 Grand Hope (B. Hawkswell), M. H. Easterby, 7-13 M. Birch 3

5-1 Sailing Ship, 4-1 Grand Hope, 9-2 Walk Around, 6-1 Gaelic, 8-1 Gold Claim, Be Gyrful, 10-1 Fair Deed, 12-1 The Sergeant.

3.45 ALTRINCHAM PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 5f)

1 324220 Leinster House (D) (Mrs R. Hodges), D. Holmes, 9-4 ... J. Seagrave 1
3 002140 Street Choir (D) (P. Parnell), Denys Smith, 9-1 A. Barclay 6
5 021 Minstrel (C. Ansell), J. Powney, 8-11 ... G. Starkey 6
7 14 Panorealm (R. Clifford-Turner), M. Stoute, 8-11 P. Eddery 3
8 222200 Urray Harry (D) (D. Coppenhall), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 ... 9
10 304100 Cereum (E. Benjamin), R. Armstrong, 8-8 ... W. Carson 5
11 030 Accomplice (Mrs R. van der Ploeg), W. Marshall, 8-4 ... P. Cook 2
13 0 Davils Cub (D. Benn), J. Powney, 8-4 ... B. Taylor 8
15 0304 Gold Flight (A. Stevens), Stevens, 8-4 ... R. Weaver 5 10
16 000 Lanark Birk (Lanark Birk Social Club), L. Docker, 8-4 ... J. Skilling 4
17 0 Master Marton (T. Newton), F. Wiles, 8-4 ... J. Higgins 11

5-2 Panorealm, 7-2 Cereum, 9-2 Leinster House, 11-2 Minstrel, 7-1 Street Choir, 12-1 Accomplice, Gold Flight, 25-1 others.

4.15 OUTLAND HANDICAP (£949: 1½m)

3 022204 Tudor Crown (D) (O. Zawawi), J. Hindley, 4-9-6 ... A. Kimberley 7
5 112202 Lochranza (D) (H. Michael), E. Carr, 4-9-1 P. Harmon 7 5
9 22044-0 Monkey Nut (Mrs J. Ball), E. Collingwood, 6-8-7 O. Gray 10
11 Alverton (C) (S. Joel), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-6 ... M. Birch 4
12 30-0021 Broken Cast (Duke of Northumberland), R. D. Peacock, 4-8-5 ... E. Hide 6
13 141240 Flirter (D) (Mrs J. Bissill), P. Rohan, 5-8-4 ... J. Seagrave 9
14 341030 Dominant (CD) (A. Budgett), Budgett, 4-8-3 D. Cullen 3
15 041300 Laurus (D) (Maj V. McCalmont), P. Nelson, 3-8-3 J. Mercer 8
17 0210-00 Enchanting (C) (G. Reed), S. Hall, 4-8-2 ... A. Barclay 2
18 004210 Leonello (C. Elliott), Brittain, 3-7-13 ... W. Carson 1

7-2 Leonello, 9-2 Tudor Crown, 6-1 Dominant, 7-1 Lochranza, Broken Cast, 9-1 Laurus, 12-1 Flirter, 14-1 Monkey Nut, Enchanting, 16-1 Alverton.

4.45 KNUTSFORD STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £569: 1m 2f 131yd)

1 010-0 Asterina (M. Wickham-Boynton), N. Murless, 9-7 G. Lewis 7
3 4-40500 Nacre (Lady Nobles), A. P-Gordon, 9-3 ... B. Taylor 5
4 01-3033 Nip in The Air (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 9-2 ... J. Mercer 6
6 001-220 Shallow Stream (H. J. Joel), N. Murless, 9-2 A. Barclay 2
9 0011-0 Flower Centre (J. Mullion), R. Armstrong, 8-11 W. Carson 3
13 003040 Quick Half (T. Marshland), D. McCain, 8-6 ... J. Seagrave 4
17 004024 Willow Warbler (J. Creswill), R. Hollinshead, 8-6 ... T. Ives 1

7-4 Shallow Stream, 9-4 Asterina, 4-1 Nip in the Air, 11-2 Flower Centre, 7-1 Nacre, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

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2.15 Truly Yours. 2.45 Oxton Lady. 3.15 SAILING SHIP is specially recommended. 3.45 Panorealm. 4.15 Broken Cast. 4.45 Nip in the Air.

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2.15 Mary Garden. 2.45 Prince Mandarin. 3.15 Gaelic. 3.45 Panorealm. 4.15 Tudor Crown. 4.45 Asterina.

Newmarket results

2.0 (2.03) ALLINGTON PLATE (2-y-o maiden fillies: £690: 6f)

Net Call, b f, by Song—Game All (J. Bryce), 8-11 ... J. Lynch (10-1) 1
Mistress Page, ch f, by Welsh Pageant—Donna (K. Oppenheimer), 8-11 P. Waldron (7-1) 2
Di Milo, ch f, by Busted—Eternal Love (L. Freedman), 8-11 ... P. Eddery (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Petrina, 12-1 Lady Bente, Maidenform, 14-1 Quiet Affair, 16-1 Diamond Spray, 20-1 African Dancer, Dikaro Lady, In The Purple, 33-1 Night Vision (4th), Another Pal, Charonac, Emanuela, Fallen Lady, Firebreak, Gedera, Friendly Sound, Parthenis, Phrynl, Popel's Peppet, Princess Modesty, Ramission, Royal Dower, Solatia, Tripoli, Vegetia, Whitshern. 29 ran.

TOTE: Win, £3.01; places, 59p, 31p, 29p. R. Armstrong, Newmarket. 3l, nk. 1min 16.7sec. Spring Storm did not run.

2.30 (2.37) SOUTHFIELD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,301: 1¼m)

Pink Palace, ch c, by Royal Palace—Near the Line (R. Tikkoo), 8-3 ... F. Durr (14-1) 1
Inishand, b c, by Wolver Hollow—Great Joy (K. Bamitsch), 9-1 ... W. Carson (11-8) 2
Callanish, b c, by Canisbay—Ballynulta (Lady D. Weir), 9-2 ... A. Murray (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Warbeck, 7-1 Mr Fordatta, Night Sky, Red Sun, 8-1 Carnies House, 10-1 Christmas Candle, Tousaint, 16-1 Balnespick, Boulevardier, 20-1 Pale Saint (4th). 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.29; places, 36p, 29p, 51p. A. Breasley, Epsom. 2l, hd. 2min 42.43sec.

3.0 (3.03) BENTINCK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,236: 5f)

Rippling, br f, by Derring Do—Running River (Mrs D. Wigan), 8-2 ... E. Hide (8-1) 1
Bowling Alley, ch c, by St Alphage—La Pondorosa (C. Leader), 7-9 ... E. Johnson (6-1) 2
Mountain Rescue, ch f, by Mountain Call—Succeed (Mrs D. Bowles), 8-4 ... G. Lewis (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Brave Panther, 6-1 Annina, 7-1 Virginia Wade, 14-1 Carburton, 20-1 Attymon Place, 25-1 Urray Harry (4th), Sans Un Ami, Mandate. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 64p; places, 24p, 22p, 25p. M. Stoute, Newmarket. 2½l, ¾l. 1min 2.46sec.

3.35 (3.36) MIDDLE PARK STAKES (2-y-o: £22,117: 6f)

Hittite Glory, b c, by Habitat—Hazy Idea (R. Tikkoo), 9-0 ... F. Durr (9-2) 1
Duke Ellington, br c, by Prince Tenderfoot—Zanzara (C. Olley), 9-0 ... A. Murray (4-1) 2
Patris, b c, by Pelingo—Joyful (M. Lemos), 9-0 ... W. Carson (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Folmar, 100-30 Royal Boy, 12-1 Super Cavalier, 35-1 Arch Sculptor (4th), Dierringo. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 19p, 30p, 40p; dual forecast, 70p. A. Breasley, at Epsom. sh hd, 1l. 1min 17.41sec.

4.10 (4.11) SEVERALS STAKES (3-y-o: £1,336: 1m)

Sarong, b f, by Taj Dewan—Sharondor (T. Warner), 8-5 ... E. Hide (20-1) 1
Windy Glen, b c, by Wolver Hollow—Wind, Goddess (J. Brown), 9-5 ... A. Murray (10-1) 2
West Two, gr f, by Connaught—Abbie West (L. Freedman), 9-0 ... G. Lewis (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Sefton Court (4th), 5-1 Prospect Rainbow, 11-2 High Season, 7-1 Tazor, 10-1 Nimbros, 12-1 Berfelt, 14-1 Cabaritis, 20-1 Rhroc, 33-1 Contary, King Solomon. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.84; places, 75p, 33p, 54p. I. Walker, at Newmarket. 5l, 4l. 1min 43.92sec.

4.40 (4.41) MELBOURNE HANDICAP (£1,334: 1½m)

Athens Moss, b c, by Levmoss—Belle of Athens (E. O'Kelly), 5-8-10 ... J. Mercer (7-1) 1
Neutron Star, b c, by Hardicanute—Arctic Villa (R. Tikkoo), 4-9-2 ... F. Durr (7-1) 2
Feather Bonnet, b f, by Bold Lad—Feather Bed (R. Moller), 4-7-13 ... G. Baxter (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Inventory (4th), 5-1 Great Brimm, 15-2 Ambulation, 8-1 Noble Game, 10-1 Irish Favour, 16-1 Glimmer of Hope, 33-1 Netherkelly, Ian's Choice. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.07; places, 31p, 28p, 27p. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. sh hd, nk. 3min 9.2sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Rippling, Sarong, £179.30. TREBLE: Pink Palace, Hittite Glory, Athens Moss, £97.95.

Wincanton programme

2.0 OKEFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 429: 2m)

2 3 Tinker Boy (D) (Mrs D. Kent), D. Kent 9-11-13 ... P. Haynes
3 41f-102 Mexican Frolic (W. Palmer), S. Mellor 7-11-11 ... C. Jones
5 3p1p40- Frozen Saint (D) (Mrs J. Ramsay), Mrs Houghton, 7-11-4 ... N. Holman
6 31033-1 No Defence (D) (Mrs C. Harvey), D. Nicholson, 6-11-0 ... R. Mangan
7 p3f1-04 Biretta (T. Smith), Mrs Pitman, 8-1-1 ... M. Saddler
8 d1200b- Randy Brandy (G. Wilkinson), J. Cat, 5-10-9 ... S. Knight
11 33-fp00 Gay Dolphin (T. Kelly), G. Balding, 10-4 ... K. Roberts
12 f30:10 Rock Eton (D) (M. McCourt), McCourt, 9-10-2 ... A. Varcy

5-4 No Defence, 3-1 Tinker Boy, 9-2 Mexican Frolic, 6-1 Rock Eton, 8-1 Froze Saint, 10-1 Biretta, 12-1 Gay Dolphin, 14-1 Randy Brandy.

2.30 ORCHARD HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £51: 2m)

2 Balltree (Mrs G. Williams), D. Banis, 10-12 ... S. May
3 Desert Fire (S. Ephgrave), R. Vitti, 10-12 Mr Ephgrave 7
5 Esthwaite (D. Gandolfo), Gandolfo, 10-12 ... P. Barton 5
7 0 Fiffs (P. Jeavons), M. Tate, 10-12 ... K. White
The Flying Chough (Mrs F. Buckingham), G. Francis, 10-12 ... W. Turner 7
8 Hart of Oakfields (Mrs J. Low), Cross, 10-12 F. McKenna
9 2 Iversay (Mrs C. Kingham), A. Stevens, 10-12 ... R. Champion
10 Mell King (Mrs P. Wintle), G. Wintle, 10-12 ... A. Wathen 7
11 3 Merchant Prince (D. Woollard), J. Bolton, 10-12 ... J. King
13 Morte D'Arthur (Mrs S. Arnold), J. Johnson, 10-12 N. Mackness
15 4 No Camping (S. Loc), G. Underwood, 10-12 ... C. Brown 7
16 04 Olympic Leader (K. Cooper), G. Kindersley, 10-12 ... W. Shoemark
17 0 Paper Moon (R. Brown), F. Riall, 10-12 ... J. Burke
19 24 Philmont (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 10-12 ... M. Wagner
20 Red Colarado (Mrs A. Finch), J. Old, 10-12 ... J. Fox
21 St Gawain (A. Arenson), G. Havood, 10-12 ... G. Lawson

5-1 Philmont 7-2 Iversay, 9-2 Paper Moon, 5-2 No Camping, 8-1 Merchant Prince, 10-1 Fiffs, 12-1 St Gawain, 14-1 Esthwae, 16-1 Balltree, 20-1 others.

3.0 OAK HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m)

1 00023-0 Perambulate (D) (Mrs W. Meats), D. Barons, 6-12-2 ... S. May
2 310010- Ruddy Drake (D) (D. McKenzie), W. Marshall, 4-11-3 ... M. Wagner
4 0-43 Boy Tudor (D) (Mrs B. Duff), A. Moore, 8-10-12 ... C. Read
6 03120-1 Woodlands Girl (CD) (J. Herigo), M. Tate, 5-10-7 ... Mr Docher 5
8 003220- Culberge (D) (A. Greig), L. Webb, 4-10-4 ... K. White
9 1400- Rio (T. Cobden), Cobden, 4-1-0 ... B. Jones 5
10 p300-4 Village Thief (A. Lylo), R. Hod, 5-10-0 ... J. Francome
13 240230- Chameleon (Mrs D. Hughes), Payne, 4-10-0 ... N. Flanagan
15 Winged Dagger (W. Perry), Old, 6-10-0 ... C. Candy
14 010pbp- Great Valtz (R. Hillman), G. Balding, 6-10-0 ... R. Bailey
16 00p000- Santell (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-0 ... W. Shoemark
19 Dosia's Last (D) (S. Musson), I. Dudgeon, 6-10-0 R. Floyd 5
20 Breadst (D) (D. Brown), Mrs Jinewall, 4-10-0 ... J. Suthern
O'Burru (Miss G. Hudson), Kennard, 4-10-0 Chris Jones 7

9-4 Perambulate, 7-4 Woodlands Girl, 9-2 Ruddy Drake, 6-1 Boy Tudor, 8-1 Culberge, 10-1 O'Burr, 12-1 Village Thie 14-1 Rio, 16-1 Chameleon, 25-1 others.

3.30 OTTERBORNE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £453: 3m 1f)

1 u101r-1 Garrymus (C) (Lt-Col J. Benson), Mrs Oughton, 10-11-12 ... Mr Mead
3 003010- Bramwell oy (CD) (Mrs I. Easton), Mrs Easton, 8-10-13 ... C. Brown 7
5 03f-121 Camp Carm (Miss S. Rus), Mrs Dingwall, 8-10-9 ... G. Old
6 3pp0f-0 Pensive Puce (Mrs D. Ieats), D. Barons, 7-10-5 ... D. Cartwright
8 p20-330 At Last (Mrs E. Taplin), J. Taplin, 9-10-0 ... N. Kernick
9 0000-0p Torry Roger (F. Taylor), A. Moore, 7-10-0 ... P. Kelleway
10 p0p-321 Advocate (... Fryer), Fryer, 10-10-0 ... M. Wagner
11 ppp-343 Howood Lad (CD) (F. Oeck, G. Small, 10-10-0 ... Mr Hobbs 5
12 fp Bye Byes (J Kumpe), Kompe, 10-10-0 ... Mr Mitchell 7

13-8 Garrymust, 5-2 Cap Carson, 1-2 Advocate, 8-1 Bramwell Boy, 10-1 Hewood Lad, 12-1 Pensive Prince, 16-1 At Last, 20-1 Torry Rogers, Bye Byes.

4.0 NEWLANDS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £490: 2m 5f)

2 211111 Bybrook (Mrs M. Peck), G. Balding, 7-11-13 ... R. Linley
6 2p23f-p Cloudsmere (F. Whitpread), R. Armytage, 11-11-6 J. Glover
7 p04-241 Cabalva (P. Toot-Ponsonby), M. Scudamore, 9-10-13 A. Turnell
8 000122- Somethings Missing (K. Goodall), D. Barons, 7-10-10 S. May
9 21f02-0 Micky Mouse (Mrs D. Price), T. Forster, 6-10-8 ... G. Thorner
10 143043- Mirvin (P. Williams), D. Barons, 9-10-4 ... D. Cartwright
11 0001- Sweet Orchid (F. Nicholas), T. Nicholas, 7-10-3 Mr Reeves 5
13 2p030-3 Westerly Winds (S. Hill), Hill, 10-10-2 ... J. Burke
14 041p0-p Neufchatel (M J. Macdonald-Buchanan), D. Nicholson, 6-10-0 R. Mangan 7
16 01400-3 Utah (C. Barr), L. Moore, 11-10-0 ... C. Read
18 0f3pf0- Forest of Wychood (Mrs D. Barnett), Mrs Barnett, 6-10-0 ... Mr Barnett 7
19 0000-00 Gay Prince (M P. Pullen), J. Pullen, 8-10-0 ... Joe Guest

7-4 Bybrook, 3-1 Cabalva, 4 Micky Mouse, 8-1 Somethings Missing, 10-1 Cloudsmere, 12-1 Mirvin, 14-1 Westerly Winds, 16-1 Neufchatel, 30-1 others.

4.30 ORCHARD HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £518: 2m)

3 Bridal Rose (R. Selman), C. Dingwall, 10-12 ... D. O'Donovan
4 Cabar Feidh (Mrs G. Culvert), P. Calver, 10-12 ... R. Linley
5 Glenthorne (W. Windon), G. Herwood, 10-12 ... C. Road
6 The Globe (D. Lamford), M. Tate, 10-12 ... H. Evans 5
8 Great Raven (E. Cook), A. Pitt, 10-12 ... J. King
9 Hemmings (R. Aboe), H. Payne, 10-12 ... James Guest 7
10 Lookin Good (Mrs B. Anderson), S. Mellor, 10-12 ... J. Glover
11 Manzoni (H. Aux), D. Gandolfo, 10-12 ... W. Shoemark
12 Morandi (L. Wan), R. Hannon, 10-12 ... J. Francome
13 Pacilon (G. Burr), Burr, 10-12 ... Mr Smart 7
14 Radstone (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 10-12 ... R. Champion
15 Raf Pilot (J. Dibson), W. Marshall, 10-12 ... B. Forsey
16 Sedition (J. Bridel), Mrs Oughton, 10-12 ... G. Thorner
17 0 Silver Shoon (L. Kennedy), D. Nicholson, 10-12 ... J. Suthern
20 Soldiers Tale (Mrs E. Anthony), G. Kindersley, 10-12 ... W. Shoemark
21 Warengan (R. Mcnine), F. Rimell, 10-12 ... K. White
22 Yule Log (Mrs D. Wintle), G. Wintle, 10-12 ... C. Candy

4-1 Warengan, 9-2 Soldiers Tale, 5-1 Lookin Good, 6-1 Radstone, Morandi, 8-1 Glenthorne, 10-1 Sedition, 12-1 Cat Raven, 14-1 Silver Shoon, 20-1 others.

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2.0 Rock Eton. 2.30 Iversay. 3 Culberge. 3.30 Advocate. 4.0 Cabalva. 4.30 Silver Shoon.

Pontefract

2.15 (2.18) GOOLE PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 5f)

Master Cutter, b c, by Hard Tack—Tailor Donore (A. Duff), 9-3 ... J. Lowe (1-3) 1
Jen Marie, ch f, by Song—Lochville (R. Green), 9-0 ... G. Duffield (9-2) 2
Doreen's Silver, gr f, by Goldhill—Tiny Rose (Mrs D. Tayton), 8-1 ... S. Freeman (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Tribal Duel (4th), 11-1 The Truant, 14-1 Mon Fleur, 25-1 Marnie's Boy, 33-1 Round Sixty Three, Timjay, Winsan, 10-1 Byker Bank. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 12p, 1p, 25p. J. W. Watts, at Richmond. 2l, 1l. River Potterill did not run.

2.45 (2.46) TADCASTER STAKES (3-y-o: £442: 1m)

Gipsy Style, ch f, by Sky Gipsy—Incest (T. Dudley), 8-9 ... G. Duffield (5-1) 1
Tunstall Jane, gr f, by Willipea—If Right (W. Evison), 8-9 ... E. Apter (12-1) 2
Silo Cradle, b f, by Hill Clown—Sylvan Path (P. Etheridge), 8-9 ... J. Seagrave (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Miss Willing (4th), 9-2 Tack Rule, 5-1 Lofty Dreamer, 9-1 Rust Borough, 20-1 Feeling Blue, 33-1 Shermaggie. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 18p, 65p, 18p; dual forecast, £6.60. J. Edwards, at Leominster. Sh hd, 6l.

3.15 (3.17) PONTEFRACT BOROUGH HANDICAP (£690: 1½m)

Catola Prince, br h, by Krithnos—Lilis (R. Jon...) ... 1

Salve of Cau'... Hi Conkers ...

Alaska Highway, b h, by Sovereign Path—Kittimat (E. Penser), 8-9-7 ... M. L. Thomas (11-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Snow Tribe, 12-1 Prady Nice (4th), 20-1 Jomy Prince. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.40; places, 63p, 18p; dual forecast, £3.83. D. Plant, at Wilsden. Hd, 7l.

3.45 (3.47) JUNIOR-MISS HANDICAP (2-y-o fillies: £621: 6f)

Venus of Streatham, b f, by Tower Walk—Sarah Star (A. Hemmings), 9-1 ... J. Reid (4-1 fav) 1
Chinese Falcon, ch f, by Skymaster—Oriental Touch (Mrs L. Raines), 7-1 ... S. Webster (13-2) 2
Gold Chab, b f, by Chebs Lad—Goldwyn (T. Wilson), 8-0 ... J. Skilling (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Thames, 17-2 Cheddar Pink, 11-1 Tack Anna (4th), 12-1 Tudor Pageant, Emotion, 14-1 Abrovian, 16-1 Night Glor, 20-1 Cool Shillin. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 3p; places, 16p, 31p, 18p. G. Blum, at Newmarket. Sh hd, 2½l.

4.15 (4.17) HUDDERSFIELD HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £719: 1m)

Conning Tower, b f, by Connaught—Uprising (Mrs S. Joel), 9-3 ... A. Bond (9-2) 1
Gambling Melody, b f, by Tudor Melody—Fast Pleasure (Mrs G. Smell), 8-11 J. Seagrave (20-1) 2
Style Wagon, b f, by Counsel—Welsh Starlet (H. Alpin), 8-4 ... D. McKay (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Kirkby, 15-2 Son Daine, 9-1 Queen's Harmony, 10-1 Dann's Return (4th), 12-1 Petite ... Glimmertrap, Tribulation, 13-1 ... 20-1 Andour Pinta ... 13 ran.

TOTE: ... Cecil, at Newmarket ...

4.45 (4.50) KNOTTINGLEY STAKES (£414: 1½m)

Habitual, ch c, by Habitat—Doulaika (H. Law), 3-8-6 ... J. Seagrave (12-1) 1
Venetian Blind, b c, by Varano—Sunny Falls (Mr J. Brunskill), 3-8-6 ... O. Gray (11-1) 2
Five Card Stud, br g, by Three Dons—Frozen Blonde (J. Fisher), 3-8-5 ... P. Young (6-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Bubbling Brook, 13-2 Great Reviews, 12-1 Piccadilly Rose (4th), 16-1 Substantial, 33-1 Destroyal, 50-1 Black Jet, 100-1 Miss Sierra. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.55; places, 30p, 45p, 15p; dual forecast, £26.58. K. Whitehead, at Malton. 3l, 2l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Catola Prince, Conning Tower, £17.15. TREBLE: Gipsy Style, Venus of Streatham, Habitual, £117.65.

Taunton

2.0 (2.4) AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (£540: 2m)

Fern Beech, b g, by Major Portion—Viburnum (L. Oliver), 8-11-12 ... R. Hyett (8-1) 1
Ringchat, ch g, by Charlottesville—Pamaway (Lady Dulverton), 5-11-7 ... G. Thorner (10-1) 2
Gay Manicou, b g, by Manicou—Roscime (A. Harrison), 11-12-8 ... R. Champion (3-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Fire Red (pu), 7-1 Boltown Covert, 12-1 Whirlpool (f), 25-1 Cango (4th), Red China (f). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 79p; places, 31p, 71p, 23p; dual forecast, £3.61. Mrs E. Gaze, at Ross-on-Wye. 12l, 1l.

WATCHET HURDLE ...

Fair Lady (J. Rhind-Tutt), 4-10-3 ... R. Floyd (20-1) 1
Minniegaff, br m, by Sea Wolf—Bonnie Bladnoch (D. Lalley), 5-10-12 ... J. Francome (16-1) 2
Abollaro, b h, by Busted—Ol Arabel (D. Proctor), 5-11-8 ... R. Champion (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Happy Snoo (4th), 5-1 Blondestreak, 6-1 Mar Dash, 13-2 Runquest, 10-1 Taka Tunga, 12-1 Timothy Jon, 14-1 Lisnequr, 16 Zanya, 20-1 Argentan (pu), Black 3... Raise the Wind, Dernier Rire, Pa... Anna. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.48; places, 55p, 62p, 40p. I. M. Dudgeon, at Chiltern... 2l, 1½l.

3.0 (3.2) "CANNON ASSURANCE" HURDLE (£643: 2m 3f)

Ocean Wave, br h, by Sea Wolf—Undulation (Mrs E. Wildman), ... M. Wagner (5-1 fav) 1
Cwm Castell, ch m, by Celtic Ash—Castle Bough (J. Teehearne) ... R. Linley (6-1) 2
Medway Melody, ch m, by Romany Air—Medway Hope (G. Parsons) ... S. May (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Equivocal, 11-1 Psalm, 12-1 Cape Farm, 14-1 Le Sivo (4th), 16-1 Darcon (su), Eric Victor (4th), Wayardo, 35-1 Pallkero (f), Sarah's Choice, Hunting Song, The Jeanstan, Santiago, Psidium's Gal, Macturk (bd), Vengo (pu), Colonial Light. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 14p, 20p, 18p, 46p. W. Wildman, at Lurkhill. 2l, 12l. Frederick John did not run.

3.30 OCTOBER STEEPLECHASE (£544: 3m 1f)

Irish Scholar, b m, by Cantab—Beguine (K. May), 8-10-3 ... P. Blacker (9-4) 1
Just the Job, b g, by Little Buskins—Small Straight (A. Wiseman), 10-10-3 ... W. Shoemark (6-1) 2
Maniphe, b g, by Manicou—Phis...

... bills (Mrs D. Bayliss), 11-11-7 ... N. Wakley (7-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-1 Sixer (4th), 12-1 Junior Lead (f), Vindicate (pu). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 15p, 19p; forecast, 78p. J. Thorne, at Bridgwater. Sh hd, 6l.

4.0 (4.01) JUVENILE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £408: 2m)

Bill Hobbs, b g, by Salvo—Moeru Bara (D. Molins), 11-0 ... J. Francome (11-8 fav) 1
Tudor Flame, ch g, by Henry the Seventh—Diamond Wedding (A. Stevens), 11-0 ... R. Champion (5-1) 2
Skibble, gr c, by Roan Rocket—Spring Fever (Mrs A. White), 11-0 ... G. Thorner (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Queen Alexandria, 12-1 Peace and Quiet, 20-1 Moon Wind, Flamsteed, 33-1 Mac (4th), Carcalo, Falacito (f), Doubtful Lad (ro), Charhead, First Today. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 19p, 21p. P. Cundell, at Compton. 3l, 10l.

4.30 (4.36) JUVENILE HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £408: 2m)

Military Debt, ch g, by Gambling Debt—Pickled Walnut (S. Rotter), 11-5 ... J. Francombe (6-4 fav) 1
Captain Marker, b c, by On Your Mark—Wafer (R. Overall), 11-5 ... W. Shoemark (2-1) 2
Princess Pirate, b f, by Prince des Lodges—Pirate Girl (R. Selman), 11-0 ... D. O'Donovan (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Adamay, 17-2 Apple Tree, 25-1 Bobette, 33-1 Prince III (4th), Chantry Rose (pu), Gwens ... id (ro), Celanese, Full Ahead, Aster Karl. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 13p, 15p, ... L. Kennard, at Taunton. 3l, 6l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ocean Wave, Bill Hobbs, £6.45. TREBLE: Fair Streak, Irish Scholar, Military Debt, £43.95.

Law Report October 2 1975 — Court of Appeal

First look at new Limitation Act

Walford and Others v Richards

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice James and Lord Justice Bridge

The Court of Appeal looked at the Limitation Act, 1975, which came into force on September 1 and which simplifies the procedure for bringing an action in special circumstances after the limitation period has expired, when they allowed an interlocutory appeal from Mr Justice Forbes by Mr James Edward Walford, his wife, and their son, of Quinton, Birmingham, intended plaintiffs in an action against Mr J. L. Richards, of Dynevor Garage, Nelson, Treharris, Glamorgan, for damages for personal injuries suffered in a road accident.

The plaintiffs had begun an action against Mr Reginald Charles Norris, driver of a van which was involved in the collision, and Henry Willis & Sons Ltd, the van owners, but they sought leave to join Mr Richards as third defendant notwithstanding that the three-year limitation period had expired. Their application for such leave, made ex parte under the Limitation Act, 1963, was refused by the judge.

Mr John Fletcher for the plaintiffs.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Walford and his wife and son were injured on October 9, 1970, when the car in which they were travelling was run into by the van driven by Mr Norris and owned by the Willis company. It appeared to be a simple road accident, with negligence by those defendants. But on investigation it was found that the braking of the van was defective; and it was said that that was the fault of the garage to which it had been sent for repair and the driver was not to blame at all.

The plaintiffs did not know the name and address of the garage, though they pressed for it. On October 5, 1972, they issued a writ against the driver and owners. They put in a defence, served on January 8, 1973, saying it was the fault of the garage; and then for the first time they gave the name and address—Mr J. L. Richards, of Treharris.

The defendants did not take any steps to join Mr Richards by serving a third party notice on him until October 10, 1973—just after the three-year limitation period expired. The plaintiffs, fearing that they might fail against the driver and van owners, sought to join Mr Richards as a defendant to the existing proceedings. If that had been done when the writ was issued, on October 5, 1972, Mr Richards would have had no defence under the Statute of Limitations.

On February 25, 1975, the plaintiffs obtained leave from Mr Justice Tudor Evans to join Mr Richards as a third defendant; but he entered a conditional appearance and applied to set aside that leave. It looked as though his application might well succeed because the judge's order would deprive him of a defence under the Limitation Acts.

So having seen the force of that application the plaintiffs applied to Mr Justice Forbes ex parte for leave to begin a new action against Mr Richards under section 1 of the Limitation Act, 1963, pointing out that they had not known the name and address of the garage—"material facts ... of a decisive character" within section 7 of the 1963 Act—until January 8, 1973. The judge had refused the application.

His Lordship thought that it was plainly a case within the 1963 Act. The identity of the garage was beyond doubt a "material fact of a decisive character"—as had been decided in Clark v Forbes Stuart (Thames Street) ([1964] 1 WLR 836) so that the plaintiffs not having that knowledge save within the last three years it was prima facie a case for leave. Mr Richards might well have succeeded in setting aside the joinder of him as a defendant by the order of Mr Justice Tudor Evans because it would deprive him of his Limitation Act defence, but with leave under the 1963 Act he could challenge it in the action.

All the present proceedings might, however, be of entirely academic interest because section 3 of the new Limitation Act said that "The provisions of this Act shall have effect in relation to causes of action which accrued before, as well as ... after, the commencement of this Act"; so it applied to the present cause of action. The court had not gone into the Act in detail, but it did appear that under section 1 (5) and (6) the three years ran either from the date on which the cause of action accrued or "the date (if later) of the plaintiff's knowledge"; and "a person's date of knowledge" was defined as the date when he first had knowledge of, inter alia, "the identity of the defendant".

So under the new Act the present plaintiffs would have three years from the date—January 8, 1973—on which they acquired knowledge of Mr Richards's identity and those three years were not yet up. It might be that under the new Act no leave was required.

But to remove any doubts the court should give leave under the 1963 Act so that the injured parties could bring their action now against the garage proprietor who was alleged to have repaired the van negligently. The existing actions should then be consolidated so that all the issues could be tried together.

LORD JUSTICE JAMES said he did not think it necessary to consider the effect of the 1975 Act because the present appeal could be dealt with under the 1963 Act as amended.

The error into which Mr Justice Forbes appeared to have fallen was to assume that Mr Richards's application to set aside the leave granted by Mr Justice Tudor Evans to join him as a defendant would fail and that it was therefore unnecessary for the plaintiffs to apply ex parte under the 1963 Act.

His Lordship thought that there were good reasons why the plaintiffs should not have risked the outcome of Mr Richards's application. They had no knowledge of what was clearly a material fact of a decisive character until January 8, 1973. The application had been made within three years after that date so that under the old law there was no reason why they should not apply for leave and have it under the 1963 Act.

Lord Justice Bridge agreed.

Solicitors: Amery-Parkes & Co, Birmingham.

'Minicabs' does not imply licensed cabs

Armitage v Walton

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Lawson

An advertisement for "minicabs" for hire was correctly held by justices to make clear that the vehicles offered for hire were not licensed cabs within section 4(2) of the London Cab Act, 1968.

The Divisional Court so held when dismissing a police appeal from the dismissal by South-West London justices at Richmond of an information charging Peter John Walton with contravening section 4(2) by issuing an advertisement which included the word "cab" displayed on premises at Hounslow Road, Whitton, in the Metropolitan police district, indicating that motor vehicles could be hired at those premises, without making it clear that they were not licensed cabs. Mr Walton was awarded £20 costs.

Mr Donald Farquharson, QC, and Miss Ann Goddard for the prosecutor, Sergeant Gerald Armitage; Mr Walton in person.

MR JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that Mr Walton carried on business in shop premises which bore the advertisement "Atom Car Hire. Mini Cabs. Prompt 24 hour service. Contracts (including personal service). Cars for every occasion", followed by two telephone numbers.

The justices stated that they were of opinion that the word "minicab" had, in itself, come to mean an unlicensed vehicle (ie, not a licensed cab) in the public mind, and therefore the advertisement indicating that motor vehicles could be hired at the premises made it clear that they were not licensed cabs, and accordingly they dismissed the information.

In Kingcabs (Southall) Ltd v Gordon ([1970] RTR 115) justices held that an advertisement which included the word "Kingcabs" was not within the exception to prohibited words in section 4(2) and that the vehicles offered for hire might have been licensed. Their Lordships' court concluded that the justices could have come to their conclusion and dismissed the defendants' appeal.

In Atkins v Green ([1970] RTR 332) the word "minicab" was followed by the words "(non-hackney)" in small letters, and the justices concluded that the advertisement did make clear that licensed cabs were not being offered. Their Lordships' court concluded that the justices had directed themselves correctly. The court was at pains to point out that the inclusion of "non-hackney" could not be said to be really material.

Six years had gone by since those cases and the justices in the present case had stated in plain terms that, by 1975, in ordinary English to the ordinary person who might read the advertisement, "minicab" conveyed the idea of an unlicensed cab, an unlicensed vehicle.

The justices concluded for that reason alone that the use of the word made clear that the vehicles were not licensed cabs.

In his Lordship's judgment it was impossible to say that the justices had reached a wrong decision. They could have looked at the whole advertisement and when one did that it made clear that the vehicles being offered were not licensed cabs. The justices were correct and the appeal should be dismissed.

Mr Justice Lawson agreed.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, also agreeing, said that he did so on the footing, not that he was convinced that "minicab" had the meaning which the justices gave it, but because he did not think it possible for their Lordships to interfere with the decision, having regard to the basis on which it was reached.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Results of Michaelmas Bar examinations

The Council of Legal Education announces the following results of the Michaelmas examinations, 1975, of students at the Inns of Court. Inns are indicated thus: L, Lincoln's Inn; I, Inner Temple; M, Middle Temple; G, Gray's Inn.

Students admitted before September 1, 1967

Law of contract
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III: G. P. Waddell, M.

Law of tort
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III (in numerical order): C. V. Pang, L; M. R. Saha, I; G. P. Waddell, M.

Criminal law
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III: G. P. Waddell, M.

Law of land
Class I: No award.
Class II: G. P. Waddell, M.
Class III: M. A. Sayeed, I.

Mohamedan law
No award.

Constitutional and administrative law
No award.

History of English legal system and of English law
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III (in numerical order): A. F. Musafer, I; G. Ponniah, L.

Equity and trusts
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III (in numerical order): R. A. Henry, M; A. F. Musafer, I.

Company law (including partnership)
Class I: No award.
Class II: No award.
Class III (in numerical order): R. A. Henry, M; D. D. McIntosh, L; A. F. Musafer, I; E. R. Paul, M; G. Ponniah, L; R. S. Smith, L.

Constitutional law and history of the legal system
No candidates sat.

Students admitted between September 1, 1967, and March 31, 1969

The following candidates have passed in a section, or sections, as indicated (in numerical order): D. Sinha (land), M; B. N. Crumble (contract), G; H. C. D. Laing, (four-subject group B—Class III), I; B. C. J. Hoffman (equity and trusts only), G; V. Persaud (company law), L; K. Samaddor (company law), L.

There were no other awards.

Students admitted since April 1, 1969: Group A.

The following have passed:

Class I: No award.

Class II (in order of merit): Heather M. Allen, I; R. G. Emm, M; Sarah L. St George, I; R. J. Carey-Hughes, G; L. D. J. Henderson, L; M. N. Hamilton, M; Patricia E. Hargrove, G; M. G. Skinner, I; J. H. Kendrew, M; A. R. Williams, M; A. J. Eames, G; T. S. Shucksmith, L; Christine M. Monn, G.

Class III (in numerical order): S. K. Ahmed, L; M. S. Anshor, L; D. J. M. Banks, G; A. Bashir, L; S. L. H. K. Bone, L; K. C. Chan, G; H. Charlton, G; C. M. Cochand, M; J. M. Cohen, G; M. S. Daiches, M; Thyru I. H. D. Delupis, M; Marina Haji Daud Tiu, L; Margaret E. Holt, L; Brighid M. Hooton, G; M. Islam, L; Pascal M.-L. Issard-Davies, I; D. T. Keeling, G; A. L. Khan, I; S. Kullpongpaitana, G; C. W. Kneal, I; W. R. Layne, I; J. M. G. Layton, M; N. G. E. Loraine-Smith, I; Sarah L. Lowther-Pinkerton, L; A. J. H. Martin, G; A. P. Mathews, M; D. N. Morrison, L; A. & A. Mylvaganam, I; Caroline A. Nelson, I; M. R. Oliver, I; R. A. Page, L; K. W. D. Porera, L; T. M. Rivers, L; R. B. Son, G; Sonja M. Shields, I; H. Solomonides, L; J. C. Tracy-Kelly, M; J. D. S. A. Traverst, G; A. R. L. Warnock, L; F. C. White, M; R. H. Williamson, L; Rosemary A. Williamson, M; Ann P. Wong, I; R. F. Wyllo, M.

The following have been awarded a conditional pass in Group A. The subject they have yet to pass is shown against their name:

Key: 1, contract; 2, tort; 3, criminal law; 4, law of land (or alternative).

In numerical order: M. Bin M. D. Akbir, L, 3; M. Cooper, G, 3; D. Dasgupta, G, 4; M. & M. Dasmi, I, 3; M. J. Dunham, M, 3; N. J. A. Fairfax, G, 4; R. W. Flint, M, 4; Bin M. A. Ghazali, L, 4; A. Haroon, L, 4; R. G. Joseph, I, 4; E. O. M. Harke, I, 3; F. McWilliams, L, 3; H. P. Mooney, G, 4; J. A. Moses, M, 4; J. M. O'Donnell, G, 1; R. L. Olfenbach, L, 1; S. C. K. Pallot, G, 1; D. Rutherford, M, 1; J. F. E. Scott, G, 3; P. J. W. Spink, G, 2; N. M. Talukder, M, 1; B. B. Tembak, I, 1; T. D. Toghill, G, 2; R. A. Caesar, I, 3; P. W. Farmery, I, 1.

The following have passed individual sections to complete Group A:

In numerical order: M. G. Abram, M; A. Anandan, I; C. J. T. Arnold, I; C. D. Bell, M; D. J. Carrier, G; J. E. M. Chichester, I; C. N. Chin, L; Y. E. A. Eu, M; B. J. Huvion, I; I. R. Ingram, L; D. A. G. Ireland, M; N. Jordan, M; T. M. Keswick, M; H. N. J. Khong, M; M. Letif, L; A. K. Lim, L; T. D. Lind, L; N. M. Ling, L; M. J. C. MacAllister, L; R. L. MacLeod, M; S. Malin, G; M. M. B. A. Manaf, G; M. K. J. Malovu-Namutale, M; I. A. McNabb, G; L. F. Mead, L; R. A. Menzies, M; J. A. L. Morgan, M; J. R. Morris, I; S. A. Nasir, L; N. H. Nazroo, L; M. F. O'Toole, M; K. Rahman, M; S. Ralatanum, L; A. J. Richards, M; K. E. T. Robinson, M; B. Sharkey, G; F. C. Shelley, G; J. G. Shephard, I; K. Singh, G; R. D. Spurling, I; W. M. Teng, L; C. J. Vosper, M; M. F. Webber, M; W. E. Whitehouse-Vaux, I; R. J. Willett, M; W. Wynne, G; Abu Bin U. Zahar, L; J. M. R. Clarke, I; E. Cnmett-Robertson, G; S. Johnson, M; A. B. Gelman, M; M. C. Lo, I; J. P. Maurice, M; B. E. McHenry, M; R. B. Munday, M; R. G. Noble, G; D. F. Royce, G; J. M. Taylor, G; J. R. W. Watson, M; P. R. Campbell, G; R. F. Cranston, G; M. H. Rosen, I; H. D. Smeaton, M; B. H. Soh, L; E. L. Thompson, M.

The following candidate, sitting land law as an additional subject, has passed: D. S. Rosellenstein, M.

Group B

The following have passed:

Class I: No award.

Class II (in order of merit): R. Singh (s/o Nalar Singh), L; A. G. Brown, I; R. A. Shah, M.

Class III (in numerical order): A. A. Caunhye, M; D. H. S. Chan, L; N. Intralib, G; Madonna C. Jarret-Thorpe, L; Y. N. Ngeow, L; C. A. Osho-Williams, I; Rosemary E. Ryan, L; R. A. Shehadoh, L; R. Sheikh, M; Vanessa J. Taylor, G; T. K. Ziolkowski, M.

The following have been awarded a conditional pass in Group B. The subject they have yet to pass is shown against their name:

Key: 5, constitutional and administrative law; 6, history of the English legal system and of English law; 7, equity and trusts; 8, company law (inc partnership).

D. J. Cornforth, L, 6; S. K. Ghosh, M, 7; B. I. Hassan, L, 5; I. Jordan, I, 8; S. Kamero, L, 7; G. S. Khan, L, 8; M. Sabapathy, L, 7; J. G. M. Edwards, L, 8; Sarah M. Smith, G, 8.

The following have passed individual sections to complete Group B:

In numerical order: R. G. L. Acton, I; G. A. Ames, L; E. H. Arnold, L; R. E. H. Bailey, G; Patricia A. Barnes, I; D. N. G. Barraclough, I; S. R. Barstow, G; W. Bealby, M; A. C. Berry, G; P. W. Bonney, M; Christine M. Booker, M; Rosemary Broadhurst, I; D. C. H. Cartwright, M; C. Y. P. Cheung, L; G. N. Clarke, M; J. Clompus, I; C. E. Collier-Wright, M; H. F.-A. Cooke, G; Sophie R. Craven, M; Marie-L. Cremona, G; A. G. D. Crocker, L; A. C. Crouchman, M; T. S. Culver, M; T. O. Cyriax, I; O. R. Dedynski, I; Alice N. Doschampsneuft, I; O. G. De Sybol, I; Jane M. Drew, M; A. G. Dyer, I; N. L. G. Eastman, G; L. C. Fairweather, M; Patricia H. Farrall, I; B. E. Finucane, M; Suzanne J. Fisch, M; D. J. Folland, L; N. M. Ford, I; T. L. E. Fredman, G; E. H. Garnier, M; M. McH. George, I; M. J. Harty, M; J. M. Hillen, M; J. Howell, M; R. M. M. Jameson, M; A. W. Jamieson, M; Denise P. Kingsmill, L; J. P. F. G. Lovington, M; C. R. W. Leonard, I; B. J. L. Lowe, M; J. D. Martineau, L; C. H. Matthews, M; A. R. D. Melville, L; Judy A. Mondham, M; R. H. Miller, M.

T. A. Mitchison, I; F. J. Mobedil, L; C. E. Montague, I; F. P. Murphy, M; S. C. Nicolle, G; J. A. Philips, G; M. E. P. Piercy, L; N. C. Pitt, M; L. A. Pope, L; P. M. Roth, M; S. M. Roy, M; J. G. Ruffer, M; G. W. F. Rynsard, L; R. V. Scruton, I; B. C. N. Speller, I; W. L. Spriggs, L; P. Staddon, I; N. F. Stadlen, I; R. G. Stout, G; I. A. Sutherland, G; A. B. Taylor, M; J. R. W. Thirlwell, G; G. W. Thomas, I; N. E. Underhill, G; S. F. Wadham, L; T. A. Wardle, G; P. W. Ward-Perkins, M; S. W. T. Williams, I; R. C. Williams, M; D. Y.-K. Yam, M; M. C. K.-N. Yuen, I; R. J. Adams, I; I. Addoo, M; M. J. Baer, I; J. G. Basta, L; P. Ballard, M; A. S. Bhatti, L; M. S. Butler, I; D. Campbell, I; R. C. Craven, I; G. H. Daniel, G; M. Domades, G; M. L. Dinceen, I; S. C. P. Eccles-Williams, L; P. D. Edwards, M; J. L. Fald, M; J. Gordon, G; St A. R. Greenidge, M; J. Bin A. M. Hajar, L; R. A. Healy, I; M. C. Hicks, I; C. P. P. Hulton, G.

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The following candidate has obtained a conditional pass but, being affected by CR 25, will not be entitled to sit for a fifth time for the subject in which he has failed without first obtaining permission under CR 25:

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Protection agencies must lose the gaps that let in would-be assassins

Keeping heads of state alive without locking them away

The common thread running through the press treatment of the two recent assassination attempts on President Ford was concern that the determined assassin is able to penetrate the most elaborate defences. Their case was supported the last time by photographs of President Ford peering apprehensively over the top of his armoured limousine. To effectively protect a head of state, it is implied, he must be locked away from public contact. This is not so.

In 1974 over 3,000 businessmen, or members of their families, were kidnapped throughout the world, and the figures for 1975 will be as high. The primary aim of the criminals or political extremists was to coerce or blackmail governments or commerce, with ransom or protection demands as a secondary purpose. Payments ranging from $200 to $22m have been made, and an unknown number of victims killed.

Where companies or individuals cannot withdraw from high risk areas, they are turning to VIP protection specialists for assistance. As this peculiar skill cannot be acquired in other than government or military service, the past and present ability of governments to keep their own leaders alive might be used as a measure of the efficacy of the science and the basis for evaluating the qualifications of the commercial practitioners of the art upon which lives depend.

On the surface the record of governments has not been good. With a monopoly of the national intelligence, police and military resources, 35 governments have managed to lose their leaders to assassins since 1945. Yet, if an analysis of these 35 separate tragedies were carried out, it could be demonstrated that in most cases the victims died because of some inadequacy in the protection agency rather than because of any particular cleverness on the part of the killer. Either the predictable threats have been ignored, or handled incorrectly, or the protective response has been completely wrong.

Despite its indifferent record as guardians of public figures, the United States Secret Service leads in the scientific approach to personnel protection. The agency's work in the areas of threat prediction and monitoring, and of the identification of potential assassins is reducing the guesswork of advance planning. Its promotion of research into protective materials and weapons has had a beneficial impact on head of state protection programmes throughout the world. The disturbing and persistent gap between the theoretical approach to a complex problem and the actual performance of the agency field teams is some-

President Ford ducks behind a car after a shot was fired at him in San Francisco last month.

thing that cannot be explained without details not likely to be made available.

It is possible, however, to speculate on the causes. In both recent incidents involving President Ford it was apparent there was a lack of coordination between the secret service advance team and the local police. Such differences are hardly surprising and will almost certainly arise where a central agency meets up with the local police.

To the police it can be the ultimate in authority and deterrence while the protection agent lives with the knowledge that few assassins have been deterred by the presence of blue or khaki. A public relations exercise might work; if not the posting of plainclothes agents at likely stopping points on the route might improve the chances of detecting potential assassins.

But it is the use of bodyguards that the agency seems to have forgotten the tenets it first made respectable. As the all seeing eye of the television camera showed, this substitute for the armoured limousine and protected building was too far removed to be of any use when the guns appeared. Reactions were slow. Too many agents were startled. This has happened before, and given the American propensity for post-disaster learning, these apparent defects should have been corrected. That they have not been is the fault of the training machine rather than the science.

At the centre of the most sophisticated protection organization lies the human shield. All else revolves around this. The use of the latest developments in electronics, armour materials and computers is merely a means of freeing this valuable commodity for the highly critical period when the head of state is most vulnerable—when in contact with the public.

A distinction can be made between the men used for searching and securing routes and buildings to be used by the VIP and those that encircle him constantly. The latter can take six months to train. It could take this time for a man to accept that his primary function is to interpose himself between the assassin and his intended victim. Anyone who has had to promote this attitude will know how difficult it is. Daily training in weapons and the martial arts is designed to improve reactions, to increase his chances of survival as a shield.

Ideally, the effective guard for public appearances should be one of four each responsible for one quarter of the immediate perimeter of approach, and as a team prepared either to intercept the threat or to remove the target from the scene in case there may be more than one assassin in the plot. Daily practice in reacting to every imaginable threat will improve the team-work and, if done correctly, the VIP's lifespan.

There are perhaps no simple solutions to the development of an effective head of state protection programme. The first is likely to be found in a recently independent state, where the system of government is highly centralized, the political support of the leader highly personal, and his replacement difficult. Close monitoring and treatment of potential threats is indeed by an acute awareness of the catastrophic effects the sudden removal of the leader would have on both society in general and the guard agency in particular.

In most other states, however, where provision is made for an orderly succession the potential victim appears to be largely dependent upon the historical perspective and professionalism of the officials responsible for his safety. He will not praise them from safe retirement, but they should be held to account if violence prevents him going there.

John Savage

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New words and new meanings

As she was removed from court in Stuttgart on Tuesday, Frau Ulrike Meinhof shouted at the judge: "You imperialist state-pig." This rousing insult is a refutation of the orthodox theory that we moderns do not curse with the imagination and polysyllabic skill of our ancestors, but concentrate instead with dreary repetition on short, sharp, rude words. An *Imperialistische Staatsschwein* is as elaborate and awful a description as the complicated medieval invocations of parts of God's body, in the days when blasphemy was shocking, and therefore served the cathartic function of swearing.

When its separate limbs are examined, an *imperialist state-pig* turns out to be as instructive and curious a mongrel as a chimera, which had the head of a lion, the tail of a serpent and the body of, of all things, a goat.

Imperialist has become a generalized insult and value-word rather than an empirical descriptive word partly because of the Leninist vocabulary of demonology, and partly because of the feelings of ex-colonies about their old masters. There is no instance of *imperialist* being used as an opprobrious con-word before Marxist-Leninist writings quite late in *this century*.

The earliest uses were purely descriptive; viz. the first recorded, in *The Contemporary Review* of 1899: "The *Imperialist* feels a profound pride in the magnificent heritage of empire won by the courage and energies of *his* ancestry, and bequeathed to him subject to the burden of many sacred trusts."

If *imperialist* has become a Leninist insult with little or no connexion with empires, *state* has an ugly ring of Nazidom. It echoes all those compounds with *Staat*, like the acronym *Gestapo*, from the days when the state was one of the prime gods in the Nazi pantheon. The point of the *state* as an insult is not that Judge Thodor Prinzing is a public servant, but that he is a part of the pandemonium of demonic enemies against whom violent revolutionaries direct their aggression.

But the *pig* is the most incongruous and instructive element in the compound insult. *Schweinhund* is a venerable *German insult, as cochon is in* French. But the usual German pejorative slang for a policeman is *Bulle*, a bull. *Pig* is American of the late 1960s, a hostile or insulting epithet used especially by radicals to describe policemen and sometimes other law-enforcement officers. An early example, from *The Black Panther Newspaper* of February, 1971, is: "Jake was murdered in a shoot-out in Chicago where three *pigs* were killed and seven wounded."

The word is gradually being diluted, on the usual pattern, to embrace a wider and wider range of enemies. The usage has been widely adopted and translated by young radicals and revolutionaries around the world, sometimes with spectacular terminological consequences. For example, Frau Meinhof herself, in an article justifying the use of force against the police has written: "*Die Bullen sind Schweine*"—the bulls are pigs, in which case somebody had better send for a vet.

This current abusive common word use of *pig* is in fact the reemergence of a very old English expression. *Pig* in this sense was part of London *underworld slang throughout* the nineteenth century, and probably long before. *The Flash Dictionary* of 1812 defines policerunners as "Pigs or Grunters".

Frau Meinhof's vehement political insult therefore comprises the odd ideological bedfellows of: a Leninist translation of a purely descriptive word into a value-word; a piece of German officialese translated into an insult; and an American revolutionary slogan revived from the Victorian thieves' kitchens.

Philip Howard

Philip Howard hopes to write further articles on the changing use of words and their modern significance.

Austria's battle of the doctors over economic health

For the Austrian general election on Sunday the conservative People's Party has a new leader and a new policy.

The new man is Dr Josef Taus, 42, director-general of *the Central Clearing Bank. The* new policy is one of setting up not a party government but one in which not only the Peoples Party but also the Socialists and the small right-wing Freedom Party would share responsibility. The People's Party says the economic and social position in Austria is too serious to be left to any one party. But their two innovations are going to be difficult to put over.

> The man in the street is inclined to take the country's debts lightly

Although the socialist government of Dr Bruno Kreisky, 62, is about £800m in the red, the average Austrian has never had it so good. When the Finance Minister tells him the Austrian economy has orders for £1,200m on its books and that the schilling is one of the world's strongest currencies the man in the street is inclined to take the country's current debts a trifle lightly.

The socialists have added to *his sense of well-being during* their four years of majority government. They make newlyweds an ex-gratia gift of 15,000 schillings (£400), they have improved the often meagre pensions and send children to school with all their books provided free by the state. The rate of inflation, below 10 per cent, is one of west Europe's lowest. Unemployment, though rising slowly, is less than 5 per cent of the work force and foreign labour is allowed to remain only so long as there is no Austrian to do the job.

The point on which the People's Party seizes is the extravagance of all this payment for well-being. Their suggestion of a "concentration" government—more than a *coalition—is flatly rejected by* the Socialists who do not want even a coalition and who see in the "concentration" idea an attempt to trap them into being party to a deflationary policy of which Austria had bitter experience in the thirties with 600,000 *unemployed*, more than one tenth of the population at that time.

The People's Party backs its proposals with a miscellany of ideas for pensions, housing, further improvement of low incomes, a stronger sense of citizenship and a stronger defence force. They turn down Dr Kreisky's concept of Austria as an experienced political international leader in Europe with all the cynicism of a generation *with childhood and youth* experience of the Third Reich and west Europe's later recession in world leadership.

Up to a point, the election is a traditional conservative-socialist confrontation. The Socialists spend too much and too thoughtlessly, building up a huge bureaucracy in doing so. The People's Party, reply the Socialists, are playing the old tune of recession and threaten to restore the budget balance by sacrificing the worker.

The election is being fought with an asperity unknown before in this Second Republic of Austria constituted in 1955. Hitherto there has been rather a kid glove tradition in elections but this one is being fought with something of the ferocity of an *American election*. The publicity media of television and press conferences are being used as never before: accusations of illegal action with the state funds are made against the Finance Minister who is threatening some newspapers *with actions for defamation as a* result. The State Audit Office has added to his embarrassment by reporting he has made substantial credit drawings—about two billion schillings—for expenditure without parliamentary sanction, has covered a discrepancy of 3.3 billion schillings of excess expenditure and insufficient income by legislation in excess of the budget and that he has undertaken 29 financial operations without the consent of the Audit Office.

The contrast between the party leaders is wide. Both are Viennese but 20 years divide them. While Dr Kreisky, nominally Jewish, is a city patrician—the "red Hapsburg"—Dr Taus, a Catholic, is the son of a butcher's assistant. By sheer diligence he worked his way to middle and high school and the university. He took jobs with newspapers and as a "ghost writer" for politicians to help augment his scholarships and then worked his way up in the clearing bank to become its director general. Within his party he is known as an "intellectual" often critical of the leadership. He worked with Chancellor Klauss for 11 months in 1966 as state secretary.

Dr Taus speaks with a slightly high-pitched Vienna dialect accent in contrast to Dr Kreisky's oily drone. His few gestures are awkward, contrasting with Dr Kreisky's man-of-the-world courtesies. Dr Taus is a success story, but the Austrian *electorate—half a million* more women than men—is another matter. He has no experience of the electorate, none of parliament or of politics except for the economic sections his own party.

Dr Kreisky at first allowed Dr Taus to make the running in the campaign, forcing him to show his hand. In the last half of the six-weeks electioneering Dr Kreisky came on strongly, carrying the campaign for his *party almost alone and making* something of a "sun king" tour of the country, concentrating on the west where, in Tyrol and Salzburgland, the Socialists are weakest. He survived a car accident on his *grand tour and enjoyed* crowded, enthusiastic receptions in many country areas where socialists are not popular. Dr Taus, surviving a sticky start, came on more strongly towards the end. His quick gain in confidence and *developing political skill* were revealed by his much better showing in a second television confrontation with Dr Kreisky after a near-disastrous first effort. The campaign is still very open. With nearly one million "floating voters" this is inevitable. But the younger man will have done very well if he succeeds in forcing Dr Kreisky out of his chancellery in the Vienna Ballhausplatz.

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Bernard Levin

The right to say that two and two are four

The campaign to destroy the Polytechnic of North London, to which I have devoted both my previous columns this week, and which has been recounted, in great and documented detail, by three members of its academic staff, Keith Jacka, Caroline Cox and John Marks, under the title *Rape of Reason* (published by Churchill Press), has a moral—indeed several morals—and these by no means confined to educational matters, for all of us. Before I *sum up the lessons this story* can teach, I must give just a few more quotations from the book, to remind my readers of the atmosphere and conditions prevailing at PNL by the time the destroyers had been at work for nearly five years. *Here is a representative* sample from those the authors give:

Intimidation and control of new students begins from the first hour they enter the Department. To avoid ostracism most succumb quickly. A student in her first few weeks in College was publicly abused in a seminar as a "bourgeois bag"; she soon acquiesced in the party line.

During the days of the debate over alternative schemes for running the CNAA Sociology degree, several students came privately to Caroline Cox and told her that they agreed with her proposals, but they dared not support her at the General Assembly; life would become intolerable for them. . . .

Another student said: "There are lots of students who would like to talk with you about their problems, but they dare not be seen entering your room. . . ."

One of the lecturers who refused to toe the line laid down by the Far Left, trying on a certain course to teach in an unbiased way and to cover a variety of viewpoints, was singled out and unjustifiably attacked in a letter sent to all members of the Department, both staff and students.

At a staff meeting where an important matter was being discussed a certain lecturer remained silent. Questioned afterwards he said: "Everything I said would have *been leaked back to the students.* . . . I have to face them in lectures tomorrow and I can't stand any more."

An external candidate for a post of Principal Lecturer told certain staff on the day of the interviews that he had been approached *beforehand by two Far Left members* of the Department. They gave him warning, told him that if he got the job things would be OK if he went along with them and their group, but if he did not sufficiently cooperate life would be made unendurable for him.

I had the embarrassing experience of seeing a young colleague immediately after her appearance at one of these meetings. She was literally shaking like a leaf and told me that she had just been subject to considerable pressure to raise her marks in order to pass students who had failed. . . .

In the circumstances (there are some 150 pages in the book, and there is similar or worse—often far worse—matter on practically every one of them), I do not think I was being fanciful when on Tuesday I said that the PNL had been transformed "from a place of learning into something little better than a intellectual concentration camp". And the authors make clear beyond any doubt that this has been done against the wishes of the great majority of staff and students alike; they calculate that the hard-core Far Left on the staff number about one in eight of the total, and among the students a considerably smaller proportion. But that brings me to my conclusion, and the moral.

We live in an increasingly complex and interdependent pluralist society. Virtually all our principal institutions—political, industrial, financial, artistic, social, economic, communicative, educational—attained their present form long ago, in many cases several centuries ago. They have, of course, changed repeatedly and extensively over the years, adapting themselves gradually to new conditions; those unable to adapt have largely disappeared. But the very readiness of the evolutionary process through which our institutions have developed has led them open to two great weaknesses today. First, they are for the most part constitutionally incapable of *adapting quickly to new conditions*, though not because of atrophy or decay; huge institutions are inevitably things of weight, and indeed could not do their job otherwise. But weight inhibits speed.

The second weakness of so many of our institutions lies in the extraordinary multifariousness into which they have ramified as conditions around them have changed. They now have to do jobs undreamed of when they were founded, find *responses to challenges then* unposed, nourish offshoots then unneeded. On the whole, they have managed astonishingly well, considering the restrictions of the eight-speed ratio I have mentioned. But as each has *added outbuilding after out-*building, storey after storey, to its original structure, the whole edifice has become desperately precarious; and, even more, vulnerable.

There's the rub. Very few institutions in modern society have found ways of protecting themselves against small groups—well-organized, completely unscrupulous, indifferent to the well-being of their fellows, and above all with no coherent and ultimately realizable aim—who set out to destroy them. Indeed, our society as a whole, never mind the institutions within it, has not yet found a solution to this problem, and those who simply want to destroy our democratic and peaceful way of life for nothing more disguise it *how they will with babble* about a new order of things, than the sake of destroying it, are now measurably nearer their goal than they were. (You look around at the great degree of real stability and harmony in Britain and dismiss such a remark with a smile. Very well; answer two questions. One: what proportion of your hopes, ambitions, personal relationships, happiness, income and possessions would you unhesitatingly wager on the proposition that a totalitarian Britain, short of invasion and conquest, is utterly impossible? Two: how would you have answered that question respectively seven, five and two years ago? If *anybody's* answer to all three parts of the second question is *the same as to the first, I will* undertake to eat the answerer's head unbuttered.)

We have found no answer to the bombers in our midst, to the pirates who seize aircraft, to those who steal the trades unions or political associations of others for their own political ends, to those who reject democratic methods because they know that they can never hope to persuade their fellow-citizens and must therefore hope to coerce them. Nor, at the Polytechnic of North London, has any answer been found to those of whom a recently-graduated student of the college wrote, in a letter to this paper:

Reluctant to face a world in which their political ideas are rejected by 99 per cent of the population, they have instead found one arena which by careful manipulation they can dominate.

Perhaps no answer to that problem at the PNL will be found, or can be found, and the college will wither and ultimately disappear altogether. And of course, nobody would be able to maintain that such an outcome would constitute serious or irreparable damage to the foundations of our society; a fairly small number of people will be affected, many of them only temporarily, and Britain will carry on, largely free, peaceful and unanxious, as before. And yet any thinking person knows that that is nonsense, and that the irreversible corruption or final destruction of the *PNL would send seismic* waves throughout the whole of our society, quite apart from the directly imitative effect it would inevitably have in other academic institutions. If I say "Send not to ask for whom the bell tolls" you will yawn at the cliché; well, yawn away, for there are clichés even worse than that one, as Orwell knew:

"Do you remember", he went on, "writing in your diary 'Freedom is the freedom to say that two plus two make four'?"
"Yes", said Winston.
O'Brien held up his left hand, its back towards Winston, with the thumb hidden and the four fingers extended.
"How many fingers am I holding up, Winston?"
"Four."
The word ended in a gasp of pain. *The needle of the dial had shot* up to fifty-five. The sweat had sprung out all over Winston's body. The air tore into his lungs and issued again in deep groans which even by clenching his teeth he could not stop. O'Brien watched him, the four fingers still extended. He drew back the lever. *This time* the pain was only slightly eased.
"How many fingers, Winston?"
"Four."
The needle went up to sixty.

What exactly has happened at the Polytechnic of North London? You can find out, in horrible detail, by reading *Rape of Reason*, and I hope many people will. I can summarize it, however, by saying that what has happened is that a few people have determined to turn it into a place where twice two do not necessarily make four, but forty, or four hundred, or nineteen and a bit, if they say so.

Yet Orwell was right: freedom is the freedom to say that two plus two make four. And that is why I do not much care *if you do yawn when I begin* "Send not to ask for whom the bell tolls", provided you realize that it may well be tolling, at the Polytechnic of North London, for thee.

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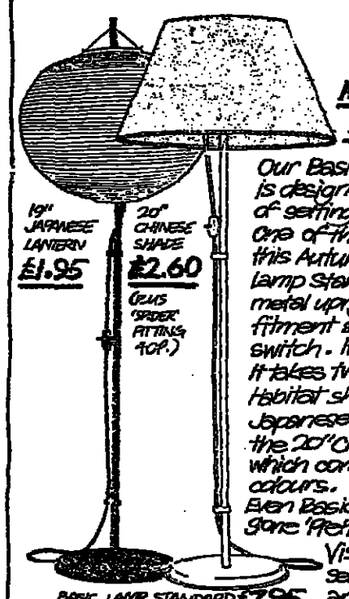

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Next: bagpipes on a unicycle?

Michael Leapman sends his final report from the Labour Party conference in Blackpool:

And where, you will be wondering, was your intrepid Diarist on the night of the historic confrontation between Ian Mikardo, Jack Jones and Michael Foot in Blackpool's Winter Gardens? I was, as you would expect, on duty in the Winter Gardens but not, I admit shamefacedly, at the scene of the fracas. In another part of the large entertainment complex, I was watching the Freddie Starr Show.

Readers of long standing will know that at these conferences I try to spend an evening at one of Blackpool's rival attractions. Last time I was privileged to watch Danny La Rue and this time, with three or four shows to choose from, I plumped for Starr, whose performance, I had been told, was a bit rude.

It turned out that Starr himself, although competent and popular, was one of the least interesting acts on the bill. It began with a cursory look back at a few songs from shows of the past few years, sung and danced by a troupe of some of the plumpest chorus girls I have seen.

After that came the first of the novelty musical acts—the Mistins—a French couple whose *special trick was to play the* xylophone on roller skates. And then Mike Burton, a quickfire, off-hand comedian, who peppered quips all over the audience, not seeming to worry whether they all struck home.

Then another odd musical act—Francis Van Dyke, a Dutchman who can play two violins at once and make them sound like bagpipes. (And where, I asked myself, are the home-grown British novelty acts? Are we training budding stars to play the bagpipes on a unicycle? I fear not, so we shall have to continue to import such essential items from abroad.)

Finally the personable Starr himself, who sings a bit, does a few impressions, strikes up a creditable rapport with the audience and makes numerous jokes about nose-picking and other intimate bodily functions. Blackpool audiences are notoriously mean with applause but they seem to enjoy it well enough. If Jack Jones could learn to play the xylophone on rollerskates, Ian Mikardo would be comprehensively upstaged.

Shirty

The Labour Party's new recruitment campaign, launched with a speech of passionate eloquence yesterday by Ron Hayward, the party's general secretary, *got off to a bad start in* other respects. There were plans to have a series of press photographs taken, showing Labour leaders with four young men and four young women wearing tee-shirts carrying the campaign slogan: "Gather Strength".

The four women chosen were members of the Amalgamated Textile Workers' Union, who have been here all this week promoting a campaign to persuade people to buy British textiles. When they were handed the shirts to put on, they found to their horror that they were made in Portugal.

When word reached Jim Farrington, the leader of the union, he angrily ordered the women to take no further part in the proceedings. And he started a move to have the offending shirts—there are 1,000 of them here—withdrawn from circulation.

Watch Jim

One of the oddest sights at the conference this week was Harold Wilson taking part in a standing ovation for the speech in which Tony Benn made an explicit attack on Wilson's leadership. A story going the rounds explains how this happened and, though there is no way of being certain, it does have the ring of authenticity.

At the end of Benn's speech, it is said, Wilson, worried about how to react, leaned over to Tom Bradley, next year's Labour Party chairman, who was sitting next to him on the platform. "What shall we do?" he whispered.

"Watch Jim", Bradley replied. So they both looked at James Callaghan, who rose to his feet to applaud the devious Benn, upon which Wilson and Bradley did likewise. When Jim stands, everybody stands.

Cut off

Yesterday, my transcript of the interview between Justow Serious and Fred Socks, the man who cleans the shoes of the mighty at the Imperial, was inadvertently curtailed. So that this important piece of broadcasting should not be lost to posterity, I print the end of it today. When we left it, Serious was asking Socks to describe the footwear of the famous:

Socks: Let's start with the Prime Minister. He has these shoes with toecaps at either end, so he can face both ways *at once. Then there are Tony* Benn's hobnailed work boots—always a bother to clean. And so are Reg Prentice's lace-up cavalry boots, for riding rough shod over people's susceptibilities.

Serious: And the women? I *suppose they wear women's* shoes.

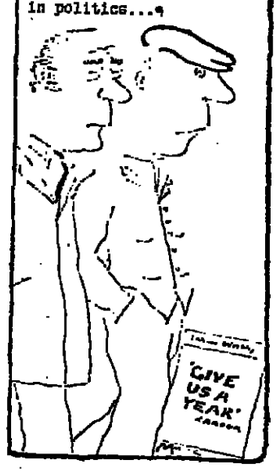
Socks: Quite a few of them do, yes. I can always tell Shirley Williams's—she gets them on special offer at Marks and Spencers.

Serious: Now Fred, you've been cleaning shoes here for 45 years and you see many leaders of both major parties. Just how different are their tastes in footwear?

Socks: Oh, very different. That Mrs Thatcher always wears odd ones—she won't stand for equality. And a lot of the other Tories have special fitments for grinding the faces of the poor.

Serious: And what's your great ambition?

Socks: Well, I've always wanted to be a hairdresser, but you've got to start somewhere.



Analysis

P. H. Simpligessverk, my political analyst, has now recovered from his short bout of over tiredness and sums up the conference in his final interview this week with Justow Serious of the BBC.

Serious: Just how cathartic a week has it been?

S'verk: I think the party has learnt several home truths in its quest to discover itself. On the one hand there has been a coming together and on the other a tearing apart. I think time will show whether there has been more of one or the other, or both.

Serious: The conference endorsed the Government's pay policy. Just how serious a defeat for the Left was that?

S'verk: I would say it was not so much a defeat for the Left as possibly a victory for the Right, or of course vice versa.

Serious: How about Mr Benn's attack on Mr Wilson's leadership?

S'verk: Yes. Some say that is what he meant when he said we had not heard the language of Attlee for a decade or more. Mr Benn denies that any such interpretation should be put on it. The truth may lie somewhere between the two.

Serious: And what message do you think the party will take away from Blackpool 1975?

S'verk: I think the party realizes it has to begin the long process of decision-making about whether it wants to commit itself to reform or revolution, or whether it wants to continue playing both ends against the middle, or vice versa. The decision will brook no delay, though it would be wrong to make it too hastily. I would say the party will survive, either in the form we have known it or in a different form. If it does not survive, it will perish.

Serious: We'll have to wait and see.

(Next week: Simpligessverk on the Conservatives.)

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AN ALLIANCE OF REALISTS

There are some personal quarrels *in politics* which are of more than passing importance. That is true of the bitter clash between Mr Mikardo and Mr Jack Jones at the Tribune meeting in Blackpool on Wednesday evening. It was significant because it both illuminated and intensified the division that matters most in the Labour Party at this moment. That is not the familiar gap between left and right, critical though that is, but between those *who accept the realities* of Britain's economic condition and those who do not. This is a split that divides left from left. Neither Mr Jones nor Mr Foot has swung to the right wing of the party. Both continue to hold views on many basic questions that would be firmly rejected by members of the Manifesto Group. But it has been evident at Blackpool how firmly both are ranged on the side of the economic realists.

In taking this position Mr Jones has gone a long way to restore what used to be the traditional pattern of forces in the Labour Party. The effectiveness of the party used to depend on an informal alliance between the parliamentary leadership and the trade union bosses—between those sections of the movement, in other words, who were forced to contend with the pressures of the real world, whether in the conduct of government or in securing the material interests of their members. They were naturally divided by the responsibilities they bore from those who could concentrate on dreaming their dreams of a Socialist society.

In securing this balance of power a central role was played from the days of Ernest Bevin by the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. The balance was disturbed when a man of the left, Frank Cousins, succeeded to that office. Many of the difficulties of the Gaitskellite years came about because the parliamentary leadership could no longer rely as it had on the same measure of trade union support. In succeeding years more unions came under left-wing control, so that the pattern of forces within the party became quite changed. Time and again it was the left-wing politicians who were looking to the trade unions for support. The parliamentary leadership was forced all too often to fight a rearguard action, striving for as much freedom of manoeuvre as it could secure. The way in which that rearguard action was fought has been open to fair criticism—too much devotion to tactics, too little readiness to stand and fight. But there can be no doubt that the pattern of forces within the party made the task of sensible and constructive leadership more difficult than in the past.

That pattern has not been transformed. Not only is Mr Jones still a man of the left, but he does not speak for all trade unions. Not all, even among moderate trade union leaders, are prepared to go as far as he is in support of the Government's economic policy. But the way in which he is cooperating with the Government over that policy is of great importance. The confidence established between him and Mr Foot has been particularly evident at Blackpool. Fortified by his support, and by that of the TUC General Council, Mr Wilson, Mr Healey and Mr Foot have all gone out of their way to spell out economic realities with a bluntness they should have displayed long ago. The Government's economic policy may prove to be inadequate to the country's needs. Ministers may lose their nerve as the unemployment figures soar. The trade unions may refuse to accept restraint as economic conditions worsen. It would be facile to leap to optimistic conclusions on the evidence of Blackpool.

But it is clear that the rapport on economic policy between the Government and the most powerful trade union leader in the country has become even closer at this conference. To the practical considerations of how best to secure the economic stability of this country, and the living standards of trade union members, under the storm conditions that lie ahead there has been added a personal element. That is the importance of Mr Jones's row with Mr Mikardo. In his fully justified explosion against Mr Mikardo's mischievous attack on trade union leaders for selling out their members over the social contract, there was all the resentment of the man with responsibility for the man who can afford to indulge his sentiments. It is a tension that lies deep in Labour history. Mr Jones is not likely to forget it now. He will be bound to the majority in the Government not only by the ties of responsibility, but also by a shared rejection of irresponsibility. If the former alliance between the trade unions and the parliamentary leadership can be restored on the old footing that would matter more than anything that has happened at a Labour Party conference for some years.

BROADMOOR AND BEYOND

Every year about 130 inmates of Broadmoor are discharged, some directly into the outside world, most into ordinary psychiatric hospitals as a first step to the same destination. Almost all of those who do return to ordinary life never revert to criminal violence. It would be grossly inhuman to deny them their freedom longer than necessary, apart from causing severe problems of morale and capacity at Broadmoor and the other special hospitals. The cases of Graham Young and Terence Iliffe, who both committed murders soon after their discharge (murders closely resembling the kinds of violence that had landed them *in Broadmoor in the first place*) were exceptions. But in such a matter even occasional exceptions are enough to shake public confidence severely.

After the Young case the Aarvold committee was set up to make a rapid review of discharge and subsequent supervision, and some of its recommendations have already been put into effect. Now Lord Butler's much more wide-ranging study of the treatment of mentally abnormal offenders proposes still more safeguards. His committee acknowledges that the extra procedures would slow down the rate of discharges, making the overcrowding at the special hospitals *worse than ever, but it regards* that as unavoidable. When the consequences of a mistake are so disastrous it is hard to quarrel with an authoritative judgment of that kind.

The Home Secretary is ultimately responsible for deciding whether a mentally disordered offender whom the courts judged to present a public risk should be allowed to go home or be transferred to less secure conditions. Since the decision is much more than a clinical one, it is right that it should not be left entirely to the medical authorities. The Aarvold committee recommended that some of these patients should be identified at the outset as particularly difficult to assess, and that an independent advisory board (including a lawyer, a forensic psychiatrist and a social worker) should in these cases help the Home Secretary to make his decision. The Butler committee proposes that the independent board should advise in the cases of *all patients in this* category, instead of only a proportion rather speculatively singled out.

This is only one proposal among 140, ranging in great detail over a wide and complex field. The report touches, for instance, on the law regarding the criminal responsibility of those who are drunk, on the need for local authorities to provide long-term accommodation for single homeless people, on the delicate relations between doctors, lawyers and social workers in cases relating to mental disability and on the unsatisfactory nature of the courtroom phrase "unfit to plead". Its main concerns are broadly with three things at three different stages: with the assessment of his mental state, the humane treatment of the deranged offender, and the protection of the public when the trouble first comes to light, *then when the offender* is under care in prison or in hospital, and finally, when the possibility of his release arises.

The committee proposes a fundamental overhaul of the "M'Naughton rules" and the other provisions of statute and case law that deal with the question of criminal responsibility. It suggests a new formulation "Not guilty on evidence of mental disorder" based on two elements—one asking the question "Did he know what he was doing?" and the other giving specific exemption for defendants suffering from severe mental disorder, even though they were able to form intentions and carry them out.

The main new proposal in sentencing policy is the reviewable sentence for dangerous and abnormal offenders unsuitable for compulsory medical treatment and not deserving a life sentence. Like the life sentence, it would be indeterminate, but it would not carry the same factor of punishment, either *retributive or deterrent*, and review would be mandatory every two years. This would avoid the problem of what to do about offenders who are given a determinate sentence and may still be dangerous at the end of it. *They tend at present to be set* free without effective preparation or supervision.

The report's proposals show much concern for individual liberty and public safety, and none whatever for economy. As it says: "We are in no position to assess how the economic ice-cap may advance or recede in the next few years." So it calls, with no prospect of the call being immediately heard, for a "massive injection of money" into psychiatric services in prisons, where mental disabilities are very common, and for the creation of secure units for violent patients in each of the 14 NHS regions. The committee urged the latter in an interim report printed last year, and it is plainly disappointed that so little has been done to bring it about. To the extent that this is the result of the economic crisis it may be inevitable, but there are signs *that some regions at least* are reluctant to make room for so stigmatized a group of the disabled. But units of this kind, taking the pressure off the special hospitals, helping to maintain a patient's links with his local community and to ease his return, and tending to relax the stigma itself, are necessary, and must sooner or later be supplied.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public schools in the modern age

From the Headmaster of Clifton College

Sir, I know Mr Corelli Barnett too well to believe that his letter (September 30) was intended to denigrate the modern public school. But those who have read his letter *without reading his books may be* misled into thinking so.

In his historical writings Mr Barnett has argued that the British Empire was an economic disaster for Britain: in painting the map red, we bled ourselves white. As the training ground for generations of colonial administrators, the public schools undoubtedly made a substantial contribution to that "disaster". Yet the Pax Britannica was not an ignoble concept, damaging though it may have been to our national self-interest.

Mr Barnett may also be right in saying that nineteenth-century public schools were "antipathetic towards science, technology and industry"—though the first science laboratories at Clifton were opened in 1866, the same year as the chapel. What is undeniable is that a century later the public schools have taken the lead in training pupils to face a technological world. Uppingham's Thring Centre for creative technical activities has inspired imitators in many HMC schools—including one only a few miles from Mr Barnett's home!

In this respect the public schools provide the best hope we have for the future. It is in the state sector that our sources of highly trained and technologically minded future management are most in danger of being diverted into unproductive channels, by well-meaning but miscooceived schemes of academic and social levelling. If *that* was Mr Barnett's point, I must regretfully agree with him.

Yours faithfully,
STUART ANDREWS,
Clifton College,
Bristol.
September 30.

From the Head Mistress of the Nottingham High School for Girls

Sir, Mr Corelli Barnett pours scorn on the English tradition of education, and particularly on the part played in its development by the public schools during the nineteenth century, because our GNP is so much less per capita than that of Western Germany.

I do not wish to quarrel with present-day economic facts, but they are only one part of the story. Can anyone, after comparing the roles of Germany and Great Britain in Europe and in the world during the first half of this century, really claim that German educational *traditions produced a more civilized* community? Or that we were wrong if we taught our youth to beware the kind of success sought (though not always achieved) by "cads and bounders"?

Personally, I do not have much hesitation in choosing between the traditions which produced Prussians and Nazis (and which had to be so painfully unlearnt) and those of our public schools, either in the nineteenth century or today.

It was one of the despised Victorians who wrote: "There is a *heritage of heroic example and* noble obligation, not reckoned in the Wealth of Nations, but essential to a nation's life; the contempt of which, in any people, may, not slowly, mean even its commercial fall."

Is it perhaps the decline of these values, and the growth of organized selfishness, which threaten our society today quite as much as the neglect of competitive technology?

Yours faithfully,
LETTY LEWENZ,
Nottingham High School for Girls,
9 Arboretum Street,
Nottingham.
October 1.

Reporting on China

From Mr Felix Greene

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin's articles always prove good entertainment but his recent frolic on "Mao's useful idiots" (September 19) strikes me as being even sillier than most. As he singles me out as one of those who "consciously devil away at their task of putting out propaganda on behalf of Chinese communism" (a statement, incidentally, that would be actionable under the laws of the United States) I trust you will give me the opportunity of replying.

The thrust of Mr Levin's article is that any reporting that is favourable to China is propaganda and therefore to be discounted as either lies or folly. The list of reputable writers who have been to China and have written favourably about developments there is a very long one. *Mr Levin, as far as I know,* has never been to China. So how is he in a position to judge that these people are "idiots" and that the commendable reporters are those who come back from China with reports that are hostile?

Mr Levin is anti-communist, as he has every right to be; but for those who might still be taking him seriously it is worth recalling some of the causes that he has tried to further. For example he supported Mr Nixon over Watergate long after it became clear to virtually everyone else that the President was a crook; and he was a staunch supporter of the barbarous American war in Vietnam.

In his article he has published six columns of assertions without providing a single fact to support them. His argument that the people who defended Russia under Stalin were idiots and that those who are now defending China are merely repeating their credulity and idiocy begs the question. It takes for granted that the China of today is like the Soviet Union under Stalin, an assumption that is sheer nonsense. What is more, there is every evidence that the Chinese are trying very hard indeed to take a very different road from that of the Soviet Union.

Yours sincerely,
FELIX GREENE,
8 York House,
Upper Montagu Street, W1.
September 26.

Third world and the Church

From the Rev W. Basil Buskland

Sir, It is possible that the World Council of Churches may indeed echo an "authentic voice of the Third World" (letter, September 29). But not the only one. There is another voice—equally authentic—which speaks out of the Christian faith and convictions of men who have fully and responsibly entered into their peoples' struggles.

On a recent visit to "the continent God may be holding in reserve" I spoke with men and women, black and "coloured", from many parts of Africa. They say that real liberation comes, not from terror and murder, but from the change in men's attitudes which is the heart of the Christian Gospel.

Amid the clamour of contending ideologies, the whole world awaits the greatest revolution of all—the one which sets men free from their *pride and hate and greed, and unites* them in obedience to the living God.

If that message were to ring out loud and clear from Nairobi, it could be a watershed of history.

Yours faithfully,
W. BASIL BUSKLAND,
10 Tudor Road.
Newbury, Berkshire.
October 1.

From The Bishop of Tonbridge

Sir, Correspondents have pointed out that the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi may prove a watershed in theology and church relations. There could be a widening of the gap between those who see Jesus as a revolutionary and those who see Him as the source and guardian of stability. A gap here could be more damaging than any of the *denominational differences of the* past.

It is vital that conversation take place at Nairobi. If the churches of the West are arraigned for their caution it will do little good if their delegates sit in well-bred silence. The fact is that both sides need each other. Alone they are bound to purvey a lopsided theology which serves neither unity nor truth. We have delegates. There are local councils of churches. Let us communicate through them before and after the event.

Pains have been taken in the preparatory material for the conference to provoke memoranda from churches in Britain which would facilitate real participation. "I wouldn't touch Nairobi with a barge-pole" could be a recipe for new crippling divisions. Slightly better would be to spell out the reasons for such an attitude, in writing, to the delegates. We might then begin to hear each other.

Yours, etc.
†PHILIP TONBRIDGE,
Bishop's Lodge,
48 St Botolph's Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

From the Rev Arthur Burrell

Sir, After a recent visit to Southern Africa, I should like to emphasize the importance of the Reverend George Austin's letter (September 29) on the Third World and the Church.

Undoubtedly the "ecumenical *theology" of the World Council of* Churches has done a great deal to deprive Christianity of its true and traditional message. The assumption underlying the Programme to Combat Racism appears to deny that there is any more effective way than violence for promoting *political change. At the same time* the moral and spiritual challenge to those who are mainly concerned with maintaining the status quo often goes by default.

Those who have witnessed the horrors of violence know that they have been committed not only by those who are armed with guns but whose minds and motives have been captured and affected by materialist ideology. This can only be adequately answered by an equally dedicated and militant Christian faith, which goes to the root of arrogance, hate and corruption, and produces the "glorious liberty of the children of God", in practical as well as personal terms.

The Nairobi conference provides a superb platform for telling the world that the churches still believe in their prophetic message. God is the only answer to contemporary chaos and confusion, and man enters into a totally new dimension once he decides to listen and obey His voice.

Yours, etc,
ARTHUR BURRELL,
Ufton Nervet Rectory,
Near Reading, Berkshire.
October 1.

That Volvo

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sir, Mr Clive Jenkins is right to resent the assumption that he was the trade unionist with the Volvo. I regret that my remark was misunderstood. I was, of course, referring to Mr Arthur Scargill.

Yours sincerely,
DENIS HEALEY,
11 Downing Street,
Whitehall, SW1.
October 1.

Military balance

From Mr Adam Roberts

Sir, Richard Davy, in his article today (October 2), corrects Lord Chalfont's interpretation (September 15) of the figures given in the latest edition of *The Military Balance, published by the* International Institute for Strategic Studies. But Lord Chalfont's presentation of the figures themselves can be questioned.

He states that the Warsaw Pact deploys 5,000 tactical aircraft against Nato's 2,000. The figures on page 100 of *The Military Balance* add up to 4,025 and 2,050 respectively. Further, he states that "the Russians have quietly built up a force of 6,000 tactical nuclear weapons in Eastern Europe". The estimate on page 101 of *The Military Balance* is "about 3,500". This compares with Nato's estimated *7,000 so-called "tactical" nuclear* weapons, a figure he omits to mention.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM ROBERTS,
International Relations Department,
London School of Economics and Political Science, WC2.
October 2.

Mushrooms galore

From Mr Roald Dahl

Sir, Not since I was a small child in the early twenties have I seen so many mushrooms as there are in the fields this autumn. They are popping up all over the place. It's lovely. For years, I had thought that mushroom-picking was just one more of those bygone pleasures, *and that artificial fertilizers and* chemical weedkillers had done the trick. But I was wrong, and so were many others. I suppose it all has to do with the extraordinary summer.

It is also the greatest year I have ever known for ladybirds.

Yours faithfully,
ROALD DAHL,
Gypsy House,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
October 1.

The Greek trireme

From Mr Michael Poole

Sir,

Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir
Rowing home to haven in sunny Palestine

Yes, but how? From Ophir in the East Indies to the Persian Gulf, then 600 miles up the Tigris to Nineveh was a daunting enough journey; but how did they get to Palestine? Whether at six or 12 knots, and even with hashish amidst the exotic cargo of sandalwood and peacocks, it would have been a long row around Africa—13,000 miles.

John Masefield, challenged by impertinent schoolboys some years ago, denied poetic or topographic licence. He referred vaguely to a system of canals and rivers linking the Gulf with the Mediterranean—an assertion that we did not challenge at the time.

Was he right? If so, the logistic sleuths will have to marry the characteristics of a craft that could not only traverse the uncertain Indian Ocean, but also navigate the rapids and torrents of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, as well as the presumably shallow and narrow canals. Some craft!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL POOLE,
Whitelodge,
7 Oatlands Drive,
Weybridge, Surrey.
October 1.

From Mr Desmond Bagley

Sir, In attempting to solve the celebrated Greek trireme mystery I enlisted the aid of my friendly neighbourhood computer to sort out the complex relationships of power, weight and waterline length which make up the component of speed. I have made two main assumptions:

1. A propulsive unit (oarsman) will weigh 150lb and will output 1/10 horsepower continuously.

2. The entire propulsive machinery (the crew) will not weigh more than the unladen weight of the hull. This seems entirely reasonable because the trireme was a warship intended for ramming action and not a racing cockleshell.

Using the same low displacement/length ratio offered by Mr Peters (Sept 23) the computer produced the table below, useful to those intending to build a high speed trireme.

Mr Lynch (Sept 26) can see that 538 men contributing 53.8 H.P. to a hull displacing 72 tons on a waterline of about 102 feet will indeed move 8 knots.

Professor Fitton-Brown (Sept 27) *with his suggestion that oars could* contribute 9 knots to the speed of a trireme comes off a little worse. No doubt 1090 men could be fitted into a waterline length of 129 feet but it is doubtful if they could work with full efficiency.

The figures in the low speed range accord very well with what we know of the Viking longships. Those in the high speed range are enough to make any naval architect blanch and reach for the gin bottle.

Sir, it would be a kindness to *the world if you would have the* Celebrated Greek Trireme Correspondence bound and sold as a handy pamphlet for the edification of those who do not read *The Times*. It illustrates most revealingly the chasm between the two cultures—between the numerate and the innumerate.

Yours faithfully,
DESMOND BAGLEY,
Hay Hill,
Totnes,
Devon.
September 29.

Oarsmen	Displacement tons laden	Waterline length-feet	Max. Speed knots
9	1.21	26.03	4
33	4.42	40.14	5
96	12.86	57.29	6
242	32.41	77.98	7
538	72.05	101.77	8
1090	145.98	128.78	9
2050	274.55	158.96	10
3631	486.29	192.32	11
6120	819.64	228.88	12
9892	1324.82	268.61	13
15431	2066.65	311.52	14
23344	3126.43	357.61	15
34383	4604.87	406.88	16
49467	6625.04	459.33	17
69703	9335.22	514.96	18

The distinction of work

From Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS

Sir, In a fair society, isn't there a case for sharing what work there is? Have the possibilities of reducing the working week by say 2 hours and a cut of 5 per cent in salaries had enough thought? Presumably 2 hours per week *per se* would be impracticable, but a compulsory shutdown without pay or salary of one Friday afternoon per fortnight might be workable.

It seems to me that as the developed world moves towards less *labour-intensive production methods* —and this is what increased investment means—and the Third World becomes industrialized, and material shortages limit expansion and the ultimate standard of living, there must come a time when a reduced working week is the only solution.

Surely we must prepare for a gradual move towards a press-button western world, and expand the facilities for leisure activities along the way.

Everybody's ideal of perpetual full employment is unattainable, unless by the inflationary process of printing money. But if Government has a flexible control of the working week, shared employment for all becomes possible.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL,
16 Prospect Place,
Hythe, Southampton.

From Mr J. D. Davis

Sir, The Prime Minister, the Chancellor and the Minister for Employment have all assured us, no doubt with massive support from their *economic advisers, that there is* little that can be done to ease the misery of one and a quarter million unemployed until inflation has been substantially reduced and world demand becomes buoyant again.

Is it not perfectly clear to everyone that unemployment is a distribution problem; the distribution of work. In most productive work machinery as well as manpower is involved. Why is it that when demand falls machines are put on short time and all are retained, whereas most of the men and women are kept on full time and a small percentage are thrown to the industrial scrap heap? The answer of course is that workers have a guaranteed week pay agreement and the machines do not. So the employer has no option but to stand workers off if product demand falls below a certain level. In other words much of the unemployment which we all deplore is an inevitable by-product of a guaranteed minimum working week.

How can politicians, union leaders and the employers talk about social justice and equality of sacrifice *when their own invention is the* cause of 5 per cent of the population making a total job sacrifice, so that the remaining 95 per cent can maintain their full guaranteed week's pay? If they mean what they say about the evil of unemployment, what is to stop them agreeing temporarily to waive guaranteed earnings agreements so that working hours can be cut for all employees in companies who would otherwise need to create redundancies, and all pay, including salaries for staff and management, would be reduced proportionally. This would at least ensure equality of sacrifice within a company and provide every incentive for its management and everyone else to bring business back to normal as quickly as possible.

No doubt there would be howls of anguish *in many quarters* but I believe such a transparently just course would be very widely supported providing all employees and management were equally affected. Even at this late date and despite protestations to the contrary I still believe there are men of integrity and goodwill in Government, unions and among employers who, although they could not eliminate unemployment altogether could rid us of the spectre of mass unemployment.

Can we never escape the stranglehold of the conventional economic wisdom and political expediency?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVIS,
Wilton Corner,
10 Grenfell Road,
Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.

Youth and the theatre

From Sir Robert Mayer, CH

Sir, We all admire Mr Michael Croft's enthusiasm and devoted services to the cause of drama; but the issue seems to me far larger than indicated in the exchange published by you and termed "National *Youth Theatre*" (October 1).

May I state my case. Some decades ago Dr J. J. Mallon of Toynbee Hall, a leading social planner, and I launched the Children's Theatre. We functioned in London and other parts of the country, relying for support neither on the profession nor on advertisements, but on local education committees whom we convinced of the educational potentials of the Children's Theatre. We then endeavoured to secure the cooperation of teachers in order to reach our ultimate aim: the active involvement of young people in school in the various facets of theatre. We wanted to make the latter as meaningful for them as, say for sports and other activities. We failed in respect to teachers and therefore in our main purpose and as a result we dissolved our organization.

British mentality and conditions have changed. The importance of life enhancement is increasingly appreciated. It is also realized that the involvement of youth has vitally contributed to Britain's amazing musical growth. London's theatre is recognized as pre-eminent; yet no attempt has been made to create in the field of drama a nationally conceived and supported youth movement such as exists in the sphere of music.

Of course the country's financial position r[illegible] new commitments [illegible] in our present state of gloom and self-denigration, planning for the future can only do good; moreover, the latter is necessary in order to be able to act when conditions permit. In addition, Britain's prestige abroad must surely profit from world recognition that in the sphere of music and drama we can point to a new constructive spirit and also to achievement of excellence.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MAYER,
22 Blomfield Street, EC2.
October 2.

Television journalism

From Mr Llew Gardner

Sir, I suppose what infuriates about Jay and Birt (article, September 30) is their awful elitism, their smug conviction that they *know best and* have somehow hit on a truth about television journalism which could only have been discovered by people as wise as themselves. Certainly not by the *lumpen proletariat* who learned their craft in such outlandish, unsophisticated places as Gateshead. It is a reflection of the elitist view that it apparently occurs to neither that Gateshead is an excellent place to learn about social stress.

However, leaving aside the fact that overweening *pomposity* has rarely been the hallmark of good journalism, may one remind this superior pair that most who work as journalists do so in the hope that others may and will read their words? Likewise television producers produce so that others may and will view. The first is unlikely to be the immediate concern of Mr Jay working on *The Times* and while the production of programmes aimed at a minority is a proper part of television's concern, it is impossible to escape the feeling that both he and Mr Birt enjoy a righteous glow out of the making of programmes aimed at impressing first themselves and secondly other television producers.

The rest of us will just have to grub along in the marketplace where the people do their shopping.

Yours faithfully,
LLEW GARDNER,
12 St Ann's Gardens, NW5.
September 30.

Executions in Spain

From Mr John Orbell

Sir, As someone unaccustomed to commenting on political matters, I feel I must reply to Lord Douro (October 1) in the lingering fear that those more qualified will find *his comments (and logic) too absurd* to be worthy of criticism.

Two simple facts must be stated. Firstly, the vast majority of those showing "disapproval" at the Spanish executions would not support the furtherance of terrorist aims *through killing.* In fact "disapproval" was shown to prevent killing. Secondly, that this "disapproval" was necessary is due to the total inability of the Spanish people as a whole to make their views known to their government. After all, Spanish political parties "have not yet been formally legalized".

Surely such action is justified at the risk of causing "the Spanish people to submerge their differences and unite behind the (not their!) government", a government which even Lord Douro identifies as undemocratic!

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ORBELL,
590A Derby Road,
Nottingham.

Compulsory headlights

From Mr Raymond Fischer

Sir, Your Motoring correspondent reports (September 24) that the Government hopes to make it compulsory by October 26 for motorists to use headlights at night, "whether or not the road is lit". The main reason given, the increase in collisions with parked vehicles now that the latter are permitted to park without lights, is obviously valid. However, to bring in a regulation which ignores the level and type of road lighting cannot be right.

The yellow (sodium) and blue (mercury) systems installed on main and some side roads are so brilliant, particularly on lit stretches of motorway, that any driver who could not clearly see a distant vehicle which showed no lights at all should not be on the road, day or night. The present permitted sidelights are perfectly adequate, and do much to ensure the comparative relaxation of night driving in this country compared with places where headlights are compulsory. Their introduction here would not add to safety, but increase strain through increased glare and dazzle, even with properly adjusted lights.

I suggest that the regulation should be:

(1) On all roads lit by white lights, compulsory use of dipped headlights.

(2) On roads lit by yellow or blue systems (which are designed to eliminate shadows and therefore solve the problem of parked vehicles) headlights to remain optional except where conditions reduce visibility.

This system would be instantly and easily understood by all drivers, unlike existing regulations which *refer to the distance* between roadside lights.

Yours sincerely,
RAYMOND FISCHER,
9 Midmoor Road, SW19.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a *Fashion Show* held at the Chateau Impney Hotel, Droitwich, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jocelyn Stevens.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 2: The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the Cancer Research Campaign, accompanied by the *Duchess of Gloucester* was present at a Festival of Flowers which took place at Penshurst Place this evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland and Miss Jennifer Thomson were in attendance.

Viscountess Hampden, widow of Viscount Hampden, wishes to be known as Imogen Viscountess Hampden.

Memorial services for Lord Cozens-Hardy will be held at the Parish Church, St Helens, Lancashire, at 11.30 am on Wednesday, October 8, and the Grand Priory Church of St John, St John's Square, Clerkenwell, London, EC1, at noon on Wednesday, October 22.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain Sir Offley Wakeman will be held on Saturday, October 18, at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, at 2.0 pm, not at 2.30 pm as previously announced.

Birthdays today

Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone, 74; the Earl of Halifax, 63; Major Sir Berkeley Ormerod, 78; Brigadier E. C. Pepper, 76; Lord Pitt of Hampstead, 62; Mr G. H. Stainforth, 69; Sir John Stow, 64; Mr Gore Vidal, 50; Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham, 88.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent attends the British Computer Society's annual dinner, Cunard Hotel, 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, attends the annual general meeting of the Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Helensburgh, 12.50.

Exhibition: Raoul Dufy, paintings, watercolours and drawings, 147 New Bond Street, 10-5.30.

Guide and lecture: American War of Independence exhibition, British Library, reference division, Great Russell Street, 2.15.

The Poetry Society: Pierre Joris *and Robert Vas Dias, 21 Earls* Court Square, 7.30.

Marriage

The Hon P. H. Dixon and Miss J. E. Cutler

The marriage took place yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly, of the Hon Peter Herbert Dixon, younger son of Lord and Lady Glentoran, of Drumadarragh House, Ballyclare, co Antrim, and Miss Jane Blanch Cutler, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric S. Cutler, of Grayshott Hall Farm, Grayshott, Hampshire. The Rev William Baddeley officiated.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white gown in classic style and a veil of silk tulle held in place by a diamond tiara. She was attended by James and Charlotte Agnew and Emma Scott. Mr A. H. Baring was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Tylers and Bricklayers Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Tylers and Bricklayers Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr P. J. D. Langrishe; Upper Warden, Mr D. J. Parry-Crooke; Renter Warden, Mr J. E. Dove.

University news

Lancaster

A grant of £16,800 has been awarded by the Leverhulme Trust Fund to the Microteaching Unit to adapt a self-instructional programme on questioning skills in the classroom for trainee and in-service teachers in India and Malaysia.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. D. Allon-Smith and Miss J. M. Loom

The engagement is announced between Roderick, son of the Rev D. and Mrs Allon-Smith, of Rustington, Sussex, and Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Loom, of Emerson Park, Hornchurch, Essex.

Mr C. R. J. Anstey and Miss E. Calcott

The engagement is announced between Christopher Robert James, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs M. F. Anstey, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Calcott, of Field Place, Snitterfield, Warwickshire.

Mr C. W. O. Brooks and *Miss A. M. Field-Richards*

The engagement is announced between William, only son of Dr and Mrs Roger O. Brooks, of Lowdham, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Field-Richards, of East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire.

Mr A. R. F. Cooke and Miss C. M. Noble

The engagement is announced between Anthony Robert, third son of Mr and Mrs R. F. Cooke, of Hartley, Kent, and Cheryl Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Noble, of Longridge, Lancashire.

Mr J. Fordyce and Miss J. Ayres

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Gordon Fordyce, FRCS, and Mrs Fordyce, of Redroofs, Sandsend, Yorkshire, and Judy, younger daughter of Dr Geoffrey Ayres and the late Mrs Ayres, of Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mr C. D. Forrest and Miss E. C. Williams

The engagement is announced between Christopher David, twin son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Forrest, of Roborough, Plymouth, and Ellen Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Williams, of Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Mr N. R. Le F. Hurt and Miss A. T. A. d'Abreu

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr S. H.M. Le F. Hurt, of Castern Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and of Mrs J. S. Rumbold, of 21 Chipstead Street, London, SW6, and Teresa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank d'Abreu, of 36 Cumberland Terrace, Regent's Park, London, NW1.

Mr C. F. Pinney and Miss E. J. Radmore

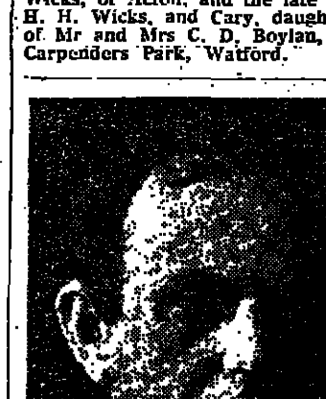
The engagement is announced between Charles Frederick, son of Mr and Mrs George Pinney, of Staplefield Court, Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Elizabeth Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Radmore, of Durban, South Africa.

Mr M. T. Radmore and Miss J. C. Acton

The engagement is announced between Michael Townsend, son of Mr and Mrs Guy Radmore, of Durban, South Africa, and Jane Cameron, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Acton, of Bergvleit, Cape Town.

Mr D. J. Wicks and Miss C. G. M. Boylan

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs R. M. Wicks, of Acton, and the late Mr H. H. Wicks, and Cary, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. Boylan, of Carpenders Park, Watford.



Mr Malcolm Williamson, the Australian-born composer and pianist, who today becomes the nineteenth Master of the Queen's Music. He succeeds the late Sir Arthur Bliss in the post, which carries an honorarium of £100 a year. Mr Williamson, aged 43, is touring in the United States. He has composed music for films, opera and ballet and written symphonic, chamber, choral and keyboard works.

Closure threat to cathedral choir school

By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs Correspondent

Westminster Cathedral Choir School is to close at the end of the present school year and the cathedral choir of 39 boys will be disbanded unless a substantial sum of money can be raised almost immediately.

It is the second serious blow to the cathedral's musical tradition within 12 months: at the end of last year it was announced that the cathedral's adult male-voice choir was to be wound up.

The adult choir was temporarily reprieved after a wave of criticism, but its future is still in considerable doubt. Together or separately, the two choirs provide the music for all big occasions in the cathedral, and sing the daily office during the week. On them has depended the cathedral's considerable musical reputation, and its preeminent position in English Roman Catholic church music.

The choir school is one of only three in London, the others being Anglican foundations at Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral. About three years ago £100,000 was spent on modernizing it. It is supported financially by fees paid by the boys' parents, about £450 a year each, and by an annual grant from the archdiocese of Westminster.

A meeting of the archdiocese's council of administration under the chairmanship of Cardinal Heenan decided a week ago not to approve a request for a further £30,000 which the school needed.

As a result the headmaster, Father V. Commerford, has written to parents stating: "The council of administration has therefore advised me that in fairness to the boys and their parents I ought to let you know that, so far as we can see, the school will have to close in July, 1976." That was because of the financial position of the archdiocese.

Some of the parents have decided to fight the decision, and have called a meeting for next Sunday at which it is understood both the council of administration and the school's governors will be represented.

It is understood that if the parents' campaign is to be successful they will have to raise enough to provide an annual investment income of at least £30,000. Time is not on their side, because the school is expecting parents to begin making alternative plans for their sons' education immediately.

The 39 boys are from eight to 13 years old, and they receive a general education preparing them for public school entrance examinations in addition to the many hours spent singing or practising. The school is no longer accepting pupils for the autumn term of 1976, because Father Commerford regards closure as inevitable.

When the adult professional choir was given notice at the end of last year there were several protests. A group of Britain's most distinguished musicians, including the composers Lennox Berkeley *and Benjamin Britten*, wrote to *The Times* stating that it formed a part of the national culture "and must not be allowed to disappear".

At the same time there was public controversy over the musical policy of the cathedral's director of music, Mr Colin Mawby, because of the choir's allegedly narrow repertoire.

In the event, funds were found to guarantee the adult choir's existence until next May. Its future after that appears to depend of the success of an appeal for the cathedral, including the upkeep of the fabric, which is to be launched in due course.

The choir school has been excluded from the aims of the appeal, whose success is in any case uncertain. An appeal for £250,000 was abandoned in 1973 having raised less than a tenth of the target.

Although the school and Westminster Cathedral's tradition for plainsong and early church music are second to none, there is some hostility to the school in the church, and, particularly among the clergy of the Westminster Archdiocese.

Priests have complained that the music performed at the cathedral is irrelevant to ordinary parish worship and out of step with the type of Roman Catholic liturgy which has developed since the Second Vatican Council.

Defenders of the cathedral music argue that there is almost no music of distinction which has been inspired by recent liturgical reforms, and that it was therefore better to continue in the idiom for which Westminster Cathedral is famous. They are able to claim that the Second Vatican Council itself urged church musicians to cherish the plainsong tradition, especially in cathedral liturgy.

Westminster Cathedral choir was founded by Cardinal Vaughan, and its first director was *Sir Richard Terry*. Among works first performed in the cathedral was the Mass in G Minor by Vaughan Williams, whose work was said to have been significantly influenced by Terry and his choir. Later directors of music at the cathedral included George Malcolm, from 1947 to 1959.

No one concerned with the decision to close the choir school has so far been prepared to make an official comment, and Cardinal Heenan said through a spokesman this week that he did not wish to discuss it. Friends of the choir school are undoubtedly *bitter in* private, however.

Luncheon

Authors' Club

The committee of the Authors' Club held a luncheon party yesterday at the National Liberal Club for their president, Sir Charles Petrie, to mark his eightieth birthday (September 28).

Receptions

HM Government

Mr J. H. McCluskey, Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mrs McCluskey were hosts last night at a reception at Edinburgh Castle on the occasion of the meeting of the International Council for Educational Media.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy held their annual congress reception at the Royal College of Surgeons of England yesterday. The guests were received by the president of the society, Professor E. W. Walls, and the chairman and vice-chairman of the society's council, Miss L. E. Dyer and Miss M. K. Patrick.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

Lord Shawcross, Colonel and Alderman Lord and Lady Mais, Sir Bryan and Lady Honkin, Sir Jules and Lady Thorn, Sir Alec and Lady Ogilvie, Sir John and Lady Hunter, Mr and Mrs Rowland S. Wright, and the Master of the Company of Framework Knitters and Mrs G. R. Kershaw and Miss Christine Fox.

Royal Southampton Yacht Club

The Royal Southampton Yacht Club held a dinner last night at the Guildhall, Southampton, to mark the centenary of the club. The admiral, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, presided and the toast to the club was proposed by Mr Edward du Cann, MP. The principal guests included:

Mrs du Cann, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and the Countess of Malmesbury, the Mayor of Southampton, and Mr R. F. Pugh, Mr R. A. Alsher, captain, Admiral's cup team, flag officers from the Royal Thames, Royal London, Royal Solent, Royal Southern, Royal Lymington and Royal Motor Yacht Clubs, the Societe des Regates du Havre and Mr R. L. Thirlby, winner of the Queen's Cup, and Mrs Thirlby.

Begum Daultana

The Ambassador for Pakistan and Begum Almas Daultana gave a dinner yesterday evening in honour of Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel, at 56 Avenue Road, NW8. Other guests included:

The Algerian Ambassador and Mme Brahimi, the Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme Oroscanin, Lord and Lady Aldington, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Sir John Hall, MP, and Lady Hall, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs Richardson and Mme El-Said.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The annual dinner of the general practice division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held last night at Grosvenor House. The president of the division, Mr N. H. P. Turner, was in the chair and other speakers included Mr M. J. Methven and Mr Robert Cooke, MP.

Westminster Medical School

The old students' dinner of Westminster Medical School was held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Dr C. J. Gavey was in the chair. The toast of the school and hospital was proposed by the chairman and the response was made by Professor M. D. Milne. The dean, Dr J. B. Wyman, then gave his annual report. Among the guests were Professor Sir Cyril Clarke, Dr F. M. G. Willson, Sir Richard Way, Lieutenant-General Sir James Baird and Professor P. A. Byrne.

Service dinner

Honourable Artillery Company

Members and guests of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club dined at Armoury House yesterday evening. The president of the club, Major B. L. Barber, presided. The toast of the guests was proposed by Captain D. Hodgson, Sir Carl Aarvold and Sir Roger Bannister responded.

Butchers' Company

Mr Hugh Watt, High Commissioner for New Zealand, was admitted to the Butchers' Company as an honorary freeman at a court meeting yesterday.

Auction house in Canada bought by London firm

By Our Saleroom Correspondent

Phillips Auctioneers announced yesterday that they have acquired the Canadian auction house of Jacoby's in Montreal. Mr Christopher Weston, the chairman, described it as "an opening to a continent rather than to a particular country". It is the first overseas auction house bought by Phillips although they have taken over a Scottish and a Midlands firm in recent years.

The move is yet another sign of their determination to narrow the gap between themselves, London's third largest auction firm, and the big two, Sotheby's and Christie's. Jacoby's have an average annual turnover of $850,000 Canadian dollars and will be known as Phillips-Jacoby. Mr Franklin Silverstone, a director of Phillips, has been appointed president of the new company.

Phillips are increasingly taking business from Sotheby's and Christie's by avoiding the introduction of buying commission; they charge vendors a flat 10 per cent. They attribute a 25 per cent increase in the volume of pictures and books consigned for sale to that policy, and there have been similar increases in other departments. They have had to add an extra jewelry sale and two extra book sales to their autumn list.

The quality of goods consigned for sale is also showing a marked improvement, and their end-of-month picture and silver sales are expected to be the most distinguished in the firm's history.

Memorial service

Sir Garnet Gordon, QC

A memorial service for Sir Garnet Gordon, QC, was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday. Prebendary Austen Williams officiated. Dr Claudius Thomas, Commissioner for the Eastern Caribbean, read the lesson and Sir John Stowe gave an address. Among others present were:

The High Commissioner for Guyana and Lady Carter, the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, the Commonwealth Secretary General, Mr R. Browne (representing the High Commissioner for Barbados), Mrs J. Wynter (representing the High Commissioner for Jamaica), the Countess of Devon, Lord and Lady Reigate, Lady Halles, Lord Campbell of Eskan, Lord Auckland, Lady Katherine Watney, Sir Laurence Lindo, Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, Sir Robin Vanderfelt (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association) with Mr James Batten (United Kingdom branch); Sir Arthur and Lady Kirby, Lady Stowe, Sir Hugh Springer, Sir Michael Parsons, Sir Eric St Johnston, Mr W. M. Graham (deputy chairman, West India Committee), Lieutenant-Colonel Max Robinson (secretary, West India League) with Mr David Jessop and Mr A. C. Knight (also representing *West India Sea Island Cotton Association*), Miss J. M. F. Stephens (St Lucia Association), Mr J. K. Thompson (Commonwealth Institute), Lieutenant-Colonel Terence Pierce-Goulding (Commonwealth Press Union), Mr V. R. R. Smallwood and Miss Vanessa Taylor (Federation of Commonwealth Chambers of Commerce).

Mr M. P. Preston (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Mr Maurice Chandler (Conservative Commonwealth and Overseas Council's West Indies Committee), Mr M. A. Boyd (Commonwealth Development Corporation), Mr Michael Hughes (Thomas Hankey and Company), Miss E. Owen and Mr Stephen Kemp (Royal Commonwealth Society), Mr James W. Stubbs and Mr A. S. Frere (United Grand Lodge of England), Mr Cecil Edwards, Mr E. W. Tulloch (Australian Estates Company), Mr Philip Crawshaw (Royal Over-Seas League), Mrs Wendy Jolly (Eastern Caribbean Tourist Association), Mr W. A. Du Buisson (Henckell Du Buisson and Company), Mr C. C. Thornton (Rediffusion) and Mrs Thornton, Mr J. Laing (Rediffusion International), Mr Newton Jones (London Chamber of Commerce), Mr and Mrs John van Geest, Mr R. A. C. Shillingford, Miss R. Barnard, Mr and Mrs Brian Colquhoun, Mr Colin Turner, Mr E. O. Laird, Mrs G. Cummings, Mr and Mrs Michael Smith, Mrs R. Boshoff, Mr D. J. Parkinson, Mr D. Cannon Brooker, Mr A. G. Davidson-Houston and Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. C. Davidson-Houston.

Boccaccio exhibition: A woodcut from the first printed translation of Giovanni Boccaccio's *Decameron*, which is on show at the British Library, London, as part of an exhibition to mark the sixth centenary of the artist's death. The translation into German was published in 1472.

Latest wills

Lady Margaret Katharine Hay, of Eccleston, Chester, Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen since 1947, left £28,648 net (no duty shown).

Miss Cecil Hester Eleanor Frederica Wilson Macqueen, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, left £202,756 net (no duty shown). She left various family portraits to the National Gallery, Edinburgh, and after specific bequests she left half the residue equally between the World Wildlife Fund, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Blue Cross.

Mr William Henry Norrish, of Holne, Buckfastleigh, Devon, farmer, left £106,935 (no duty shown). After personal and other bequests he left the balance equally between Holne parish church, the Cancer Research Campaign, Dr Barnardo's, the Deaf Blind and Rubella Children's Association, the Children's Society, and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Miss Vera Muriel Robertson, of Godalming, Surrey, left £29,683 net (no duty shown). After personal legacies totalling £2,500, she left the residue to the PDSA.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Cooper, Mr Leslie Edgar, of Chipstead, Kent £120,311

Deverell, Lady, of Lymington, Hampshire, widow of Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell £46,689

Dodd, Mrs Amelia Annie, of Caversham, Reading .. £116,100

Green, Mrs Margaret Lee, of Blakeney, Norfolk .. £132,629

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr J. E. Herbecq, a deputy secretary in the Civil Service Department, to succeed Sir Ian Bancroft as Second Permanent Secretary in the department from November 1.

Mr Anthony Preston, aged 46, head of the Outside Broadcast Group, BBC Television, to be director and controller of programmes, Southern Television, in *succession to Mr Berkeley Smith.*

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, October 3, 1950

Exchange hours

As from Monday, October 30, the time at which the Stock Exchange will close will be extended from the present 3 pm to 3.30 pm. The Council's announcement of the change confines itself to this bald statement and makes no mention as to whether the move is designed to benefit any particular section of the "House" or has been decided upon as the result of representations from any quarter.

In busier times, before the war, the "House" was open until 4 pm, so the Council have gone half the way to restore the old closing time.

It is understood that the Council have not considered it necessary to consult the banks, which will continue to close their doors at 3 pm.

OBITUARY

KUMARASWAMY KAMARAJ

Crucial role in Indian politics

Kumaraswamy Kamaraj, who was a link figure in Indian political history, died yesterday at the age of 72. He was a regional politician, for 10 years chief minister of Madras and a potent practitioner in the politics of caste and region; then briefly he played a crucial role in national politics when as president of the Congress Party, his influence was decisive in the choice of two prime ministers, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Mrs Indira Gandhi; finally he was left behind by the forces of regional nationalism with which he had at first partially been able to identify himself, and lost all power and most of his influence.

Kamaraj became chief minister of Madras in 1954, displacing C. Rajagopalachari who was a nationally respected Congress leader—and former governor-general—but also a Brahmin. Kamaraj was of low caste (in deference to his party's secular posture he did not use his caste name, Nadar) and his elevation to the leadership of the state Congress party marked the relegation of the Brahmins who had hitherto dominated Madras politics—there were no Brahmins in his first cabinets. Anti-Brahminism in Madras was twinned with hostility to what was seen as north Indian domination and Kamaraj saw that if the Congress were to retain its position in the state it could not allow itself to be outflanked by the two parties, the DK and the DMK, which expressed and encouraged the demand for a separate, sovereign Dravidian state in south India.

Coupling firm repression of the Dravidian parties' various campaigns of agitation in the 1950s with efficient governance, a tight grip on the Congress organization, and personal reputation unstained by charges of self-indulgence or favouritism, Kamaraj made his state a Congress model in his decade in office.

In 1963 Kamaraj was elected President of the party and relinquished the chief ministership. The presidency was then much shrunken from its pre-independence stature but Kamaraj, in spite of the severe limitation of his knowing no Hindi and little English, made *it again, if briefly*, an office of power. Kamaraj's reputation inside the Congress party was such that even before he became president, Nehru gave his name to a plan for revitalizing the party by shifting certain leaders from legislative to organizational roles (in fact the "Kamaraj plan" was not conceived by Kamaraj), thus incidentally getting rid of sundry of Nehru's opponents. As president Kamaraj's hour came in May, 1964, when Nehru died suddenly. Lending his own weight, great not only because of his personal standing but more because he was a southerner, to the cause of those who were backing Lal Bahadur Shastri for the succession, Kamaraj so manoeuvred as to create a concensus nullifying the rival claim of Mr Morarji Desai. Shastri, as a unifying figure, was undoubtedly the party's best choice, and his record during his brief prime ministership *fully justified* Kamaraj and the others who had supported him.

The death of Shastri in Tashkent early in 1966 saw the play re-enacted, Kamaraj again deploying his power to head off the claim of Morarji Desai, this time in favour of Mrs Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter. His instinct was for the unifying figure, for the candidate of *maximum* acceptability in the party, and this rather than personal regard (he and Mrs Gandhi were never on good terms) led him to support her candidacy. In 1965 the contest went to an election, which saw Mrs Gandhi handily the victor.

For the third time after Nehru's death the party chose a leader in March 1967. Kamaraj was still Congress president. Again, though much more reservedly, he backed Mrs Gandhi—but the political landscape in India had been much changed by the earthquake of the 1967 election, and Kamaraj himself was a casualty. The popular swing against the Congress party had not been dramatically great, but the consequences were. By the end of 1967 six of the states were lost to Congress. Some were to be regained, but plainly the period of Congress *Raj*, of the party's almost unchallenged domination of Indian politics, was over.

In Madras the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), now the prime vehicle of Tamil nationalism, swept the Congress from power, and a student leader defeated Kamaraj, who had stood for the state assembly in his old rural constituency. With his base of political power lost, and the added humiliation of personal defeat, Kamaraj's influence in the party was sharply reduced. Beyond his adroit ring-mastering of the leadership elections he had not made any mark on the party organization during his tenure, and after he ended his second term in 1968 his role was little more than that of a member of one of the party's several cabals. The General Elections of 1971 resulted in a further setback to his prestige and authority and he vacated the limelight.

Kamaraj had worked his way up in the Congress, serving nearly eight years in British gaols, beginning with participation in Gandhi's salt march in 1921. His formal education did not go beyond school, and his rise in the party must be traced to his quietly powerful personality, his innate political grasp, and low caste background—paradoxically, had he been of higher caste, it is probable that he could not have reached such positions of power. Kamaraj never married, a rarity in India, and his bachelorhood confirmed his reputation for personal austerity and single-minded concentration on politics and government.

Professor Charles Henry Alexandrowicz, formerly Professor of International Law, University of Madras, and visiting Fellow, Centre of International Studies, Cambridge, died on September 26. He was 72.

Miss Clara Margaret Lumley, for many years Principle of St James's Secretarial College, *London*, died on September 30.

Mrs Olga Kerensky died in Southport on October 1 at the age of 90. She had been married to Alexander Kerensky, who succeeded Prince Lvov as head of the Provisional Government of Russia in the months before the Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917.

Mr Egbert Joseph William Jackson, CB, MC, Chief Inspector, Ministry of Education, 1945-51, died on September 29.

Science report

Zoology: Insects in disguise

Professor H. E. Hinton, of Bristol University, seems to be threatening to turn what used to be one of the most colourful research areas of biology into a new branch of scatology. In a recent talk on protective mimicry at the Institute of Biology, he described how in order to escape attack by predators, caterpillars may adopt the appearance of bird droppings and beetles may adopt the appearance of caterpillar droppings. That strategy may seem somewhat tasteless but it represents an evolutionary adaptation of considerable subtlety, as he went on to show.

Protective mimicry more usually involves the imitation by a harmless species of the warning coloration of a poisonous one, and is associated with some of the most beautiful and flamboyant coloration in the animal kingdom. That defiant strategy, of attracting attention and then being punitively unpleasant to eat, is the reverse of the commoner ploy of adopting cryptic coloration, which enables more edible species to merge with the background.

The strategy demonstrated in colour slides by Professor Hinton combines some of the subtleties of both. Caterpillars, for example, are particularly vulnerable to attack by birds. Where there are birds, there are likely to be bird *droppings*, so that by emulating a bird's turd, the caterpillar simultaneously merges with the background *and* appears thoroughly unappetising.

One of the most elegant examples is that of a caterpillar Professor Hinton found in Mexico, feeding on avocado leaves. For the first two larval stages after it has hatched, the caterpillar looks like a bird dropping. But by the third larval stage it has grown to over an inch in length and its plausibility as a bird dropping is becoming a little thin. So when it sheds its skin for the second time, it emerges into its third instar in the guise of part of an avocado leaf.

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Church news

Appointments

The Rev E. Carter, Vicar of St Paul's with Christ Church, Adlington, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St Thomas's Garstang, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev G. N. Coultas, Team Vicar of Thirsk with South Kilvington and Carlton Miniott with Sand Hutton, diocese of York, to be Vicar of Hemingbrough, same diocese.

The Rev W. M. Helling, formerly Rector of Porus, Jamaica, to be Priest Missioner of St Michael's, Farnham Royal South in the West Slough Group, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev R. Johnson, curate of St Cuthbert's, North Meols, Southport, diocese of Liverpool, to be Chaplain of St John's School, Tiffield, diocese of Peterborough.

The Rev G. V. Letts, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Belgrave, Leicester, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar of St Cuthbert's, Fir Vale, Sheffield, diocese of Sheffield.

The Rev P. T. Mackenzie, curate of St Francis's, Leigh Park, Havant, diocese of Portsmouth, to be priest-in-charge of St Mary's, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev R. H. Postill, curate of St Mary's, Kingswinford, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Yardley Wood, diocese of Birmingham.

The Rev W. A. Randall, Vicar of Wickford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also priest-in-charge of Runwell.

The Rev B. G. Skinner, of Paignton, has been given permission to officiate by the Bishop of Exeter.

The Rev A. J. Wright, Vicar of East Challow, Wantage, diocese of Oxford, to be also chaplain to the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, same diocese.

Diocese of Chester

The Rev J. Preece, curate of Pensby, Wirral, to be Rector of Aldford and Bruera.

The Rev M. W. Walters, NE area secretary for the Church Pastoral Aid Society, York, diocese of York, to be Vicar of St George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

Diocese of Coventry

The Rev M. Barnsley, curate of St John the Baptist's and St Thomas's, Coventry, to be Vicar of New Bilton, Rugby.

The Rev J. E. Bluck, Vicar of Moreton Morrell with Newbold Pacey, to be priest-in-charge of Alderminster (Stratford-on-Avon) and Halford (Shipston-upon-Stour).

The Rev M. Campling, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berkshire, diocese of Oxford, to be priest-in-charge of St Laurence, Foleshill.

The Rev M. N. Wright, recently Dean of the Port Harcourt Christian Council Project, Nigeria, to be industrial Chaplain in the Coventry Industrial Mission, and priest-in-charge of Honiley with Wroxall near Kenilworth.

Diocese of Durham

The Rev N. Burt, Rector of All Souls, Invergowrie, and All Saints, Glencarse, diocese of Brechin, to be Vicar of Denton with Ingleton.

Canon G. R. Berriman, Vicar of St Hilda's, South Shields, and Rural Dean of Jarrow to be an honorary Vicar-Choral of Durham Cathedral.

Diocese of Ely

The Rev H. H. Salmon, recently Overseas Missionary Fellowship, to be priest-in-charge of St Wendreda's, March.

The Rev J. Wilcox, Vicar of St Luke's, Leek, diocese of Lichfield, to be priest-in-charge of Ellington with Grafham and Spaldwick with Barham and Easton.

Diocese of Liverpool

The Rev R. Clark, curate of St Catherine's, Tranmere, diocese of Chester, to be Vicar of St Nathaniel's, Platt Bridge, Wigan.

The Rev W. A. Bampton, Vicar of St Andrew's, Toxteth Park, to be Vicar of St Thomas's, Lydiate.

Diocese of Manchester

The Rev Dr E. S. Baird, Rector of Harrington, Workington, Cumbria, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Peel Green, with St Catherine's, Barton.

The Rev J. S. Forrest, Rector of St Peter with St James the Less and also Rector of St Paul's with St Michael's and St Thomas's (in plurality), Manchester, to be Chaplain of Wythenshawe and Christie hospitals.

The Rev D. F. C. Morgan, curate of All Saints and Martyrs, Langley, to be Rector of St Clement's with St Cyprian's, Ordsall, Salford.

Diocese of St Albans

The Rev J. R. Charles, Rector of Walkern, Stevenage, to be also Rural Dean of Stevenage.

The Rev D. Elliott, recently Dean of Ndola, Zambia, to be Vicar of All Saints, Borehamwood.

Diocese of Salisbury

The Rev P. T. Ashton, priest-in-charge of Avebury with Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett, to be Team Rector of the new team ministry of Upper Kennet, which covers Avebury with Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett, Overton and Fyfield, East Kennett, Broad Hinton, and Winterbourne Bassett.

The Rev P. J. Harrisson, Priest-in-Charge of Overton and Fyfield with East Kennett, to be the new Team Vicar of Upper Kennet.

Diocese of Winchester

The Rev J. O. C. Alleyne, Rector of Speke, Liverpool, to be Rector of Weeke.

The Rev B. N. Harley, Rector of Basingstoke, the Rev C. R. Miles, Rector of Dibden, the Rev R. J. Milner, Rector of Southampton (City Centre) Team Ministry, and the Rev M. W. Scott, Vicar of Fair Oak, have been appointed honorary canons of Winchester Cathedral.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev A. G. Durston, Vicar of Hemington, diocese of Bath and Wells, on September 30.

The Rev W. N. Kelly, Vicar of St John the Evangelist's, Wingates, Westhoughton, diocese of Manchester, has resigned.

The Rev N. W. Rider, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coldhurst, Oldham, diocese of Manchester, has resigned.

The Rev F. J. Tackley, Rector of Edmundbyers and Muggleswick, diocese of Durham, has resigned.

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Felixstowe set to sell out after 150p a share offer from state docks board

By Edward Townsend and Michael Baily

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company, Britain's leading private enterprise port, revealed last night that it was negotiating to sell out to the state-owned British Transport Docks Board.

The company said it had received a verbal offer from the BTDB of 150p per share, which values the company at £5.24m. Felixstowe's shares closed on the Stock Exchange yesterday at 88p, giving a value of £3.07m.

The docks board confirmed that "informal discussions" had taken place with Felixstowe but added that no firm conclusion had been reached and that a transfer of ownership would need parliamentary approval and new legislation.

Felixstowe probably has been Britain's most successful and fastest growing port in recent years and Mr Gordon Parker its 83-year-old founder chairman, has been an arch opponent of state control in the docks industry.

However, surprise at the move was tempered by the Government's forthcoming nationalization proposals and by the recent sale by FDRC of an 80 per cent share in its tank farm subsidiary to the state-owned National Freight Corporation for £900,000.

An even greater threat is the proposed extension of the dock labour scheme to ports like Felixstowe according to Mr John Parker, son of Mr Gordon Parker and a director of the company.

The proposals are being pushed through by the Government ahead of nationalization, and Felixstowe fears that it will have a damaging effect on costs and efficiency in the port by introducing restrictive practices and an inflated labour force.

In a statement last night Mr Kenneth Thorogood, the deputy chairman of Felixstowe, said that discussions he had had with the chairman of the BTDB "have ranged over mutual commercial interests including the future of Felixstowe dock.

"*FDRC understands that* BTDB cannot make any offer for the shares of the dock without the consent of the Government, nor can they acquire any company without a parliamentary Bill.

"Subject to these conditions BTDB have now conveyed a verbal offer to Felixstowe of 150p per share in cash. The Felixstowe board have informed BTDB that they will require the most stringent undertakings from the BTDB regarding protection of employees and the further development of the port of *Felixstowe*, and would require it to consult with the employees on these undertakings."

The Felixstowe dock is reckoned to have one of the best industrial relations records in the docks industry. It has become important because of its relationship with EEC countries and earlier this year became a significant passenger terminal with Tor Line and European Ferries launching passenger services to Gothenburg and Zeebrugge.

The tonnage handled by Felixstowe in its last financial year, ending June 30, rose by almost 15 per cent on a year earlier to 4.205 million tonnes.

The company's pre-tax profit, boosted considerably by an upsurge in the second half of the year, increased from £639,153 a year earlier to £724,388. Turnover for the year advanced by just under 35 per cent to a total of £8.564m. A net total dividend of 6.51p was declared against 6.615p for the previous year.

Both Felixstowe and the BTDB were prompted into issuing statements yesterday by a report from union officials attending the Labour Party conference in Blackpool.

Mr Tom Jenkins, assistant general secretary of the Transport and Salaried Staffs' Association, said his London office had received "a panic call" from the docks board informing them.

He said he would be pleased if the profitable port faced nationalization because he believed all docks should be publicly owned.

"But I am utterly aghast that a nationalized industry formed under legislation with instructions to negotiate with the unions would do this without any consultation except a panic 'phone call to our office today."

Earlier this year, writing in a publication by Aims of Industry, the free enterprise organization, Mr Gordon Parker said he had been able to build up the Felixstowe dock, which he bought in 1951, "untrammelled by the very factors which had bedevilled older institutions".

He was not hidebound by the past, he said. In collaboration with employees he made it a point neither to use casual labour nor piecework. "Possibly these moves put us ahead of the older-established ports and we were able to bring an unfettered mind to bear on the probabilities of the future."

He added that he could not conceive any form of outside interference being either conducive to the wellbeing of the industry or the country.

"Nor do I understand how these same outside influences on our employees can be anything but injurious to the good relations we have always enjoyed.

EEC attacks American policy of protection

From David Cross
Brussels, Oct 2

A renewed attack on the wave of protectionism which it fears is about to sweep the United States has been made by the European Economic Community.

In a sharply worded aide memoire delivered this week to the American Department of Trade in Washington, the European Commission says the current United States anti-dumping investigation into EEC car exports "*calls into question the* usefulness of pursuing further efforts in multilateral trade negotiations".

The note maintains that imports of European cars into the United States are reasonably priced and "manifestly" not injuring the American automobile industry.

"The compact and sub-compact section of the United States automotive industry—the only one where EEC cars compete directly with United States production—is prospering despite the industry's general recession", the commission says.

It argues that factors other than imports are hurting the United States car industry—the *economic recession*, the energy crisis, and delayed response by manufacturers to the shift in consumer demand to fuel-saving smaller models.

Furthermore, the investigation is inconsistent with the anti-dumping code of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade signed by the United States and the Community.

Under the latter heading, the commission asserts that the current investigation was opened at the request of United States trade unionists, not by a manufacturer as required under Gatt rules.

In addition, another article of Gatt requires injury to be assessed in relation to the domestic production of similar products. According to available production data, American small car production is prospering in spite of the industry's current difficulties, the commission says.

Figures produced by the commission show that although the United States market share of imports has risen from 15.1 per cent in 1973 to 20.2 per cent in the first seven months of 1975, each foreign producer's share is negligible in comparison with the three main American producers.

Government warning to Harland and Wolff as chairman confirms his resignation

Lord Rochdale, chairman of Harland and Wolff announced his resignation yesterday as both unions and management at the ailing Belfast shipyard received a last chance warning from the government to improve productivity.

In what was described as a "critical" meeting at Stormont Castle with executives and shop stewards from the yard, which has 10,500 employees Mr Stanley Orme, Minister of State said it was vital for the yard's future that "substantial improvements" were achieved by Christmas.

"Attitudes must change and production must be accelerated to reach not only the projected levels but also to take account of the short falls to date" he said.

"It is understood that Harland's man hours per ton of ship produced have recently been approaching three times those of the best Swedish and Japanese yards.

"We are not apportioning blame," Mr Orme said. He had suggested the creation of a joint action group to examine all aspects of improving productivity.

A further meeting is to be held at Stormont next week at which it is thought targets will be set and the means to achieve them outlined.

"We are not looking for impossible figures," the minister said. "The difference between *success and failure may* not be so wide. The problem cannot be resolved from outside the yard but only by the people I have been talking to this afternoon.

"There is not unlimited *money available and without* improvements by Christmas, the yard won't be able to continue through next year."

Mr Orme revealed that of the £60m additional government aid voted for the shipyard in July, £13m had already been spent and the rest was running out at the rate of £500,000 a week.

The nine man board is to be reconstructed by October 31. It will be replaced by a group in which one third will be elected by the workers, one third will be management men and the remainder government nominees.

Because of the coming reconstruction, Lord Rochdale has offered his resignation to Mr *Merlyn Rees, the Secretary of* State, and it has been accepted. Appointed for a five year term in 1971, he had been due to retire next July.

His successor, Mr Orme said, would need to be able to work with new *techniques of indus*trial democracy. It is understood that no candidates have yet been approached.

The Minister emphasized that there would be no change in the Government's policy to exclude *the company, which is now* 100 per cent publicly-owned, from the forthcoming shipbuilding board being set up to run the industry in Britain. Instead, it will remain directly responsible to the authorities in Belfast.

He said the trade union campaign to have the Belfast shipyards included in the forthcoming structure for the British industry was diverting attention away from very pressing problems to "philosophical and larger issues".

Lord Rochdale: Because of reconstruction of the board he offered his resignation before completing his five-year term of office. A successor has still to be found.

Rank chief in talks with institutions

By Our Financial Editor

Sir John Davis, Rank Organisation's chairman, was in the City yesterday afternoon for a "general discussion" with institutional shareholders. With him, to discuss matters "arising out of the announcement" made by Rank on September 18, was Mr Russell Evans, who became managing director of Rank when Mr Graham Dowson was dismissed as chief executive.

It is certain that Sir John talked about his board's consideration on proposals for enfranchising the "non-voting share capital of Rank, and of proposals concerning the "role and composition of the board".

Institutional shareholders were represented by the four investment protection committees who speak for the pension funds, insurance companies, unit trusts and investment trusts.

It is not clear whether further meetings have been arranged to discuss progress towards the changes which many shareholders feel are necessary at Rank.

EMI brain scanner profits exceed £4m

By Ronald Pullen

The first significant contribution from EMI's revolutionary new brain-scanner is reflected in yesterday's better-than-expected figures from the records, leisure and electronics group.

In the year to the end of June, sales of the Emi-Scanner accounted for £4.5m to £5m of total pre-tax profits of £34.97m.

After starting slowly, deliveries picked up last year and 120 scanners were sold, taking total sales so far to 163. With the scanner now costing almost £200,000, including extras, turnover on this side of the business is running at £24m of EMI's total turnover of £503m.

The United States is the largest market, taking 85 per cent of the total so far; a further six have been delivered in the United Kingdom, and Japan has taken one scanner. The order book is running at a high level, with another 137 customers signed up.

EMI also reports that its next major development, the body scanner, is at an advanced stage of clinical testing and a number of orders are already in the pipeline.

Meanwhile, despite the down-turn in the US Capitol subsidiary, EMI's music, leisure, television and other electronic activities have stood up well to the recession.

After the company's far from optimistic forecast at the time of the rights issue in March, the second half has turned out much better than expected and profits for the full year are only a shade below last year's £35.09m.

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Travel side bolsters Thomson profits

By Our Financial Staff

On a sales increase of 20 per cent to almost £100m, Thomson Organisation half-year profits are up from £1.6m to £2.8m.

Lower interest charges following last year's rights issue, and better results from the group's travel businesses, have helped offset the impact of difficult conditions in publishing.

The board, which has declared a maintained interim dividend *of 2.46p a share gross, says that* publishing activities are likely to show 1975 results "materially below those of last year". Price Code restraints and general business conditions are to blame, Thomson says.

However, travel interests contributed a significant improvement and should make a "substantial contribution" to group results this year. Interest charges are down from £2.3m to £1.7m in the half-year.

The board reports that development of the Piper and Claymore oilfields is proceeding satisfactorily. Exploration of the remaining areas of the six North Sea blocks continues.

Trutex rebuked by City panel on Tootal takeover

By Margaret Walters

Trutex, the Lancashire textile company involved in the profitable business of clothing *generations of schoolchildren in* blazers and gymslips, received a rap over the knuckles from the City Takeover Panel yesterday for failing to observe due secrecy during negotiations that led to its takeover by the Tootal group last year.

Although an 11-month inquiry failed to produce sufficient evidence to suggest that anyone was guilty of a breach of the insider dealing provisions of the City Code, the Panel's *statement draws attention to a* number of timely share purchases made by the attentive citizens of Grindleton, Clitheroe, and its environs, where Trutex has its headquarters.

"There had been strong rumours circulating among people directly or indirectly connected with the company *that a bid was imminent*", the Panel said.

Tootal itself is given 10 out of 10 for maintaining "the appropriate security throughout the negotiations". The Trutex board, however, earns less than full marks from the Panel which considered that it "did not adequately observe the strict requirement of Rule 7 of the code, which stresses the need for absolute secrecy".

The Panel's statement concludes, appropriately enough, with a short lesson on security, suggesting that companies *should own up to bid negotia*tions if rumours start to circulate.

Zambian mines surcharge up

Growing difficulties experi*enced by the Zambian copper* industry, which is cut off from direct rail access to any ports, have forced Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines and Roan Consolidated Mines to increase the force majeure on contracted copper shipments.

Only last month the two companies declared a 20 per cent force majeure. This has now been increased to 40 per cent for Nchanga and 30 per cent for Roan.

UK foreign currency reserves fall again

By Melvyn Westlake

Britain's foreign currency reserves fell in September for the fourth time in five months. They now stand at their lowest level for 32 months and are some 25 per cent below the peak level reached a year ago.

According to Treasury figures published yesterday there was a drop of $145m in the country's gold and foreign currency holdings during September, leaving total reserves at $5,859m (or about £2,867m if converted at the prevailing exchange rate in late September).

However, the latest decline, in the reserves was being viewed fairly sanguinely in Whitehall. Most of the $145m drop appears to be attributable directly to inter-government transactions.

Very little of the fall seems to have resulted specifically from Bank of England support for the pound in the open market.

Indeed, throughout the early part of the month good demand for sterling apparently allowed the Bank of England to buy dollars and add them to the reserves.

The pound's weakness in the later part of September was a reflection of the dollar's strength.

The net fall of 3 per cent in the pound's dollar exchange rate was broadly in line with the fall in other European currencies, although the situation deteriorated a little in the middle of this week.

Another reason for regarding the reserves position as satisfactory in September is the apparently limited extent to which they have been affected by Britain's worsening trade deficit.

The deficit on current account in August was £260m, and this would have to be financed, all other things being equal, by drawing on the reserves.

The fact that this has not happened suggests that the country has still been benefiting from some capital inflows, presumably from the oil-exporting countries.

Mr Hamza Abbas Hussein, the Kuwait central bank governor, yesterday formally dismissed as "mere speculation" reports from London that his country was transferring its sterling holdings into other currencies more quickly than usual.

He said: "Nothing is abnormal concerning our transfers".

Yesterday, the pound enjoyed a rather better session than on Wednesday. It fell 15 points against the dollar, to $2.0395. But its "floating devaluation" against 10 key currencies, from its December, 1971, base date, was unchanged at the close, at 29.4 per cent, having briefly touched 29.7 per cent, the weakest level ever reached.

Yet, in spite of the successful way that the decline in the reserves is being contained, the continuing slide in these holdings of foreign currency does raise questions about their minimum safety level.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday:

	$m.	£m.	Change in month £m.
1971	6,582	2,526*	
1972	5,646	2,404	
1973	6,476	2,787	
1974	6,789	2,890	
1974			
Oct	7,547	3,230	+377
Nov	7,824	3,364	+277
Dec.	6,789	2,890	−1,035
1975			
Jan	6,833	2,870	+44
Feb	7,064	2,908	+231
March	7,117	2,962	+53
April	7,132	3,032	+15
May	6,491	2,802	−641
June	6,198	2,837	−293
July	6,259	2,909	+81
Aug	6,004	2,845	−255
Sept	5,859	2,867	−145

* Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 valued at the Smithsonian parity rate of $2.60571, and from June 1972 at the closing rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar par at the time.

Ban on Taiwan textile imports relaxed

By David Young

The Government has agreed to ease its ban on imports of clothing and textiles from Taiwan after representations from the importing and wholesaling industries. Dozens of small companies had told the Government that the sudden ban on imports would mean certain bankruptcy for them.

The Department of Trade said yesterday it was inviting importers to resubmit applications for import licences for goods from Taiwan covered by irrevocable letters of credit opened before the restrictions were announced on August 8, which are awaiting clearance at British ports or were in transit before last Tuesday.

Import licences will be issued against satisfactory documentary evidence and the Department has given warning that importers should not assume that this easing of restrictions will be extended to cover other goods affected.

This means that the many companies which have contracts for goods to be supplied from Taiwan after September 30 and which have already issued irrevocable letters of credit for them—the normal practice in the industry—still face the prospect of having goods arriving on the dockside with no import licences covering them.

The original suspension of import licences for textiles and clothing from Taiwan was introduced by the Government after an EEC directive, which in turn had been made at the insistence of the British Government as a result of representations from trade unions about the threat imports posed to the British textile industry.

However, the number of British companies which were seriously affected by the ban has surprised the Department of Trade, and although it reacted to the situation quickly the industry does claim that its future has been threatened for purely political motives.

Importers point out that British industry is not in a position to supply the type of goods imported from Taiwan and that ultimately the consumer will suffer.

It is understood that the goods which will now be imported after yesterday's suspension of the ban will be deducted from the 1976 import quotas set by the EEC. It is possible to import up to 10 per cent of the *following year's quota* without prior EEC permission.

Mr Thomas Harrison, chairman of the British Importers' Confederation, said: "We are pleased that something has been done in time to help the many *companies whose future has* been threatened, but there are still many orders outstanding which will be affected."

£12m rights issue by gas group

Imperial Continental Gas Association, a group with extensive interests in the energy field including Calor Gas, yesterday announced a one-for-seven rights issue at 260p a share to raise £12.25m. The directors intend to recommend a 20 per cent gross dividend increase for the year. The underwriters are S. G. Warburg & Co and Lazard Brothers & Co.

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Mr Healey to discuss loan of $800m during Iran visit

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Details and timing of the second part of a huge Iran loan to public sector industries will be discussed when Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, visits Teheran next week.

He will have talks with Mr Hushang Ansari, the Iranian Minister of Economics and Finance, and will also chair one session of a conference on developing Teheran as an international financial centre, to be attended by 50 chairmen and *managing directors* of leading City companies.

Britain has already taken up the first $400m (about £200m) tranche of a $1,200m loan that Iran has made available for borrowers in the public sector. It is expected that a further $400m will be drawn later this year as a result of the talks and that the remaining $400m will be taken up next year.

The first tranche was taken up by the National Water Council and it was originally intended that the remaining $800m should also be at the disposal of state companies. But there is now a suggestion that the British Government might want to take up part or all of these loans itself.

Mr Healey will be accompanied by Sir Derek Mitchell, a second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, who is in charge of overseas borrowings. The Iranians may use the talks to reintroduce the subject of purchasing some of the former Burmah shares in British Petroleum now held by the Bank of England.

Although British response to the idea of selling a stake in BP to the Iranians was cool, the Shah apparently is still interested in the idea.

Iran's financial position has changed radically over the past six months. The slump in demand for oil has cut its revenues, and world inflation has reduced the buying power of these revenues by between 30 and 40 per cent, according to Iranian estimates.

The conference in Teheran has been organized by the British Committee on *Invisible* Exports and an Iranian committee. During the two days of discussions, methods of strengthening financial and commercial relations between Iran and the United Kingdom will be considered.

Among those attending the conference with the Chancellor will be: Sir Jasper Hollom, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England; Sir Cyril Kleinwort, chairman of the Committee for Invisible Exports and Lord Denman, chairman of the Middle East Coordinating Committee for Invisible Exports.

Britain at nuclear fair

Mr Alex Eadie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, will act as host on the British day at the International Nuclear Industries Fair in Basle next week.

de Zoete & Bevan

The Stock Exchange pointed out yesterday that de Zoete & Bevan has expanded rather than contracted its occupation of office space in The Stock Exchange building.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 137.90—0.14
The FT index: 328.6+2.0

Rises

Barclays Bk	7p to 282p
Beauford Grp	5p to 26p
EMI	6p to 204p
Hawker Sidd	2p to 296p
Head Wri'tson	3½p to 28½p
Inchcape	8p to 355p
Lake & Elliot	5p to 51p
Marshalls (Hal)	3p to 60p
Moss Bros	3p to 40p
Nat W'minster	4p to 232p
Paterson Zoch	10p to 370p
Ruberoid	1p to 21p
Shell	4p to 342p
Walmsley Bury	27½p to 54½p

Falls

Ang Swiss Hldgs	4p to 26p
BP	7p to 545p
Brooke Tool	1p to 11p
Circle Eng	3p to 31p
De Beers Dfd	8p to 269p
Grootviel	10p to 145p
Imp Cont Gas	10p to 340p
Johnson Matt	10p to 270p
Kinross	20p to 515p
Kwahu Co	2p to 15p
Madame Tussds	2p to 20p
Petgietersrust	8p to 172p
Thorn Elec	8p to 198p
Warren J.	8p to 55p

Equities staged a late rally in the wake of a recovery in the gilt-edged market.

Sterling lost 15 points closing at $2.0395. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.4 per cent (unchanged).

Gold rose 25 cents an ounce to $143.25.

SDR-$ was 1.17089 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.575178.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1163 (previews 1158.3).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	39.00	37.00
Belgium Fr	83.75	81.00
Canada $	2.13	2.08
Denmark Kr	12.75	12.35
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.30	9.00
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	70.25	68.00
Hongkong $	10.60	10.20
Italy Lr	1,535.00	1,485.00
Japan Yn	640.00	615.00
Netherlands Gld	5.60	5.40
Norway Kr	11.70	11.35
Portugal Esc	86.00	70.00
S Africa Rd	1.97	1.83
Spain Pes	124.00	119.00
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.95
Switzerland Fr	5.65	5.45
US $	2.07½	2.02½
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Announcement

Standard and Chartered Banking Group Limited changes its name

On the 1st October 1975 the Standard and Chartered Banking Group Limited changed its name to STANDARD CHARTERED BANK LIMITED.

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Ezra appeal for coal to offset inflationary effects of oil bill

A 10 per cent increase in the price of oil is no reason for the British coal industry to abandon its target of increasing output and reducing costs, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board said yesterday.

"The 10 per cent increase in oil prices should be the signal for the British coal industry to go all out to demonstrate its true value to the nation", he said during a visit to the Longannet mining complex in Scotland.

"The country can urgently do with the support to its economy that efficiently mined coal can give it against the inflationary effects of the rising oil bill. And in nine months time, should the world again face more Opec demands, any coal not needed at the moment will be even more valuable both to the country and to the finances of the coal industry".

Sir Derek said the end of the oil price freeze next June could well coincide with the awaited upturn in the economy and renewed demand for coal. This was another reason for the coal industry achieving its target of increasing output by 5 per cent and reducing costs by a similar amount over the next six months.

He told miners that the fall in output and productivity from the early months of the year had been most marked in Scotland with disturbing effects on the area's finances.

Mr Varley acts on PO order cuts

By Christopher Thomas

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is to ask the Post Office for an assurance that its proposed cuts in orders for new telecommunications equipment are necessary. This follows a meeting yesterday with leaders of nine unions representing workers in the telecommunications industry.

The Post Office has told companies supplying exchange equipment that its estimates for new equipment would be substantially reduced. Mr Varley would give the unions no assurances yesterday, but said he would raise the matter with the Cabinet.

He told them it was policy that nationalized industries should break even, a policy the Trades Union Congress supported. It is understood that he will seek an assurance from Sir William Ryland, chairman of the Post Office Corporation, that the estimates are right and that the cuts are necessary. The board has already changed its estimates twice this year.

New energy sources 'necessary'

A new warning that the world would not be able to sustain or improve its standard of life without the development of new energy sources came yesterday from Sir William Hawthorne, chairman of the Advisory Council on Energy Conservation.

Energy conservation, although necessary, was not enough, he told the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Civil Engineers at Harrogate.

"The reasons for this concern arise from the fact that in major energy-consuming areas such as the United States, Europe and Japan, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their present fuel demands are satisfied by oil or natural gas."

Two years ago it had been predicted that by 1981 the ratio of reserves to production might fall to 15:1. As a result of price increases and conservation, experts now predicted this 15:1 ratio would not be reached until 1990-1995, said Sir William. This was still too close for comfort.

'Loitering' on metrication

By David Young

Mr P. J. L. Homan, director of the Metrication Board, yesterday blamed government inaction for the lack of progress towards metrication.

Speaking at the annual conference of the British Standards Institution, he said the Metrication Board was hampered in its work by its terms of reference, which did not allow it to stimulate the change to metric measurement in industry.

Those industries "loitering on the brink" of metrication, Mr Homan said, would have to be pushed in at the deep end and the board intended to press the Government to do this.

He added that although the Government had set the pace in metrication in building and civil engineering there was a marked lack of progress in the energy sector and in relation to road speed limit signs and the Highway Code.

Fed chief against further boost to economy

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 2

Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, gave a warning to Congress today that further fiscal and monetary stimuli for the economy now would accelerate the upward climb of inflation, and that the only sound policy was "a policy of prudence and moderation".

His remarks came just as the Department of Labour announced wholesale price index figures showing another sharp rise last month, and only hours after President Ford stated that me may recommend the continuation of the 1975 tax cuts.

The President is likely to announce his decision next week on whether to extend the one year 1975 tax cuts to all of 1976. It now seems probable, in view of remarks made by Dr Burns today, that the Fed might move to tighten monetary policy when the new tax cuts become effective, just as it tightened its policies in June and July when the 1975 tax rebates and tax cuts came into operation.

The wholesale price index rose last month at a seasonally adjusted rated of 0.6 per cent and took the compound annual adjusted rate, based on data for the past three months, to 11.1 per cent.

While last month's rise was fractionally lower than August and well below July's 1.2 per cent, it is still the third highest this year.

Sharp price rises were seen for fuels and farm products. Further oil price rises are almost certain in the next few months

Dr Burns told the budget committee of the House of Representatives today that the Fed's money growth target of 5 to 7.5 per cent for the year that started last June, is sufficient to sustain economic recovery.

President Ford said last night that he was working on a programme that could involve extension of the tax cuts and rigid controls on government spending.

Mr Al Luuman, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, stated today that he did not believe such a programme would be practical, and indeed Congress is likely to react as it did earlier this year by accepting the tax cuts and rejecting the President's demands for spending cuts.

Dr Burns is now believed to be firmly opposed to an extension of the tax cuts, which would push more than $10,000m into the economy, a similar view is held by Mr William Simon, Secretary of the Treasury.

Ministers to study EEC call for shared aeronautics policy

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Oct 2

The European Commission gave a warning today that "the refusal to seize new opportunities and the continuation of centrifugal national policies could lead to the disappearance of an independent European aeronautics industry".

This warning was contained in a proposal for a common aeronautics policy submitted by the Commission to the Council of Ministers.

Unveiling the Commission's scheme, Signor Altiero Spinelli, the EEC commissioner responsible for industry, singled out two main objectives: a common programme for civil aviation construction, centrally directed by the Commission and the Council of Ministers, and the creation of a common procurement agency for military aircraft.

Action in the civil sector alone would be inadequate, Signor Spinelli argued, because as much as 65 per cent of the turnover of European aircraft manufacturers was dependent on military sales.

He saw the task of th procurement agency as threefold: the coordination of European air force requirements; identification of common future needs and negotiation with the United States of a policy on reciprocal sales.

The Commission proposal points out that the absence of a common policy was one of the reasons that enabled the Americans to win the lucrative contract to supply four European Nato countries with replacements for their aging Starfighter aircraft.

It also says that the French refusal to join Britain, Germany and Italy in the development of the MRCA (multiple combat aircraft) has created "a profound divergence of interest". The French are building their own fighter.

On the civil side, Signor Spinelli said that the European industry's financial and technological resources were dissipated over too many similar projects, leading to wasteful duplication of effort. The Commission proposal gives statistics showing the heavy advantage enjoyed by American producers through economies of scale made possible by much longer production runs.

Uphill fight to new profit margins, Iata chiefs told

From Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Oslo, Oct 2

Mr Knut Getz Wold, governor of the Royal Bank of Norway, sent the presidents of the 112 International Air Transport Association (Iata) airlines away in a mildly optimistic frame of mind today from their annual meeting here by forecasting an improvement in the economic outlook by this time next year.

Speaking at the closing session, he said that the days of the industry's heavy losses would pass, although it would be a long uphill fight to reestablish satisfactory profit margins like those of the middle 1960s.

The airlines should plan confidently for a resumption of a growth in demand for their services, but with that trend should go more diversification. The industry would be on the right track to offer a broader range of services.

Capacity control would remain of paramount importance, with the policy of governments as an influential factor. It would not be realistic to expect the market mechanism to determine which company would stay in business, and which would not.

When it came to developing countries, the most sensible policy on the part of the older air transport companies would be to offer "knowhow" at its commercial price Mr Wold said.

Road Federation petrol price plea

Pressure is increasing on the Government not to load the latest 10 per cent increase in the price of crude oil on to petrol. The British Road Federation yesterday joined other motoring and transport organizations in calling for the rise to be spread across all sectors.

The federation said that the Government should go for a large sector where substitutes existed

Training scheme for bricklayers

The Brick Development Association has started a scheme to train bricklayers in preparation for the hoped-for revival in the construction industry. A new company, Brick Development Association Training Services, has been set up.

Training will start at a new centre in Colindale, North London, next month. The BDA said yesterday it would be able to take up to 250 trainees

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statistics on institutional investment

From Mr A. D. Wilkie

Sir, The pamphlet *Labour and Industry: The Next Steps* prepared by the NEC for the Labour Party Conference, quotes certain statistics about the investments of insurance companies and pension funds in support of a conclusion "That the free market in funds in this country has not helped to ensure that industry is provided with the funds it needs".

The statistics quoted are, however, incomplete and inaccurate. The pamphlet states that, of £11,000m collected by these institutions between 1970 and the third quarter of 1974, some £1,700m went into short-term loans, £2,100m into property, and £1,300m into loans to the personal sector.

May I correct the record? First, of £1,300m of loans and mortgages, £500m were loans with figures that can be obtained from the Government's "Financial Statistics" by public sector pension funds to their parent organizations, £268m were identifiable house purchase loans, £29m loans to persons on the secutiry of their policies, and the remaining £500m would mainly be loans to companies on the security of property, or long-term non-marketable loans to local authorities.

Secondly, of £1,700m in short-term funds, some £600m was lent to local authorities, and £750m was on deposit with banks who lent on to industry much greater funds in total than this. The remaining £300m would probably also have been lent to industry directly or indirectly.

Thirdly, the £2,100m spent on property developments is only one quarter of the total capital formation in new buildings (other than dwellings) and works undertaken by companies between 1970 and 1974. The provision of shops, warehouses, factories and offices for rental is just as much benefit to industry and commerce as any other capital investment which carries the same return.

Finally, the statement should be completed by noting that £2,000m was lent to the Government through the purchase of British Government securities—and between 1970 and 1974 the Government made net issues to the public of £4,800m.

Further, £4,500m went in the purchase of company securities (debentures, preference and ordinary shares). New issues by industrial and commercial companies in the period 1970 to 1974 totalled only £1,340m, so the question remains: What did the private persons who sold shares (net) to institutions do with the proceeds?

Some at least was passed on to the Government in capital taxes (capital gains, death duties, and capital transfer tax), which collected over £5,000m during the period.

In short, almost all the savings channelled through insurance companies and pension funds find their way to industrial and commercial companies, or to central and local government. If one sector is to get more, which is to get less?

Yours faithfully,
A. D. WILKIE,
Economics Research Manager,
Standard Life Assurance Company,
Edinburgh.

Establishment's deplorable actions over Burmah and Mersey Docks

From Mr Robert W. Mowat

Sir, Mr J. M. Rankin, QC, and others in writing to you (September 29) describe the arrangements made on the liquidation of Burmah Oil as "unacceptable to common morality", a "breach of faith" (condoned by the Government), "a travesty of a negotiation", "Hobson's choice", and say "*thousands* of small investors have been deprived of their savings and of their income" and they "include a very large proportion of the retired and elderly".

It may be of some assistance to the Burmah Shareholders' Action Gooup to remind them of the recent parallel case of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board bondholders.

If they will refer to the events in that affair—even more deplorable than Burmah in that both Conservative and Socialist Governments provided the essential assistance to deprive the bondholders of their contractual rights—they will, I think come to the conclusion that they have to fight (1) the company's top people, (2) the Bank of England, (3) the City "institutions", (4) the Government (without more than lip-service from the Opposition) and (5) the country at large.

The Mersey Docks affair made it abundantly clear that none of these conglomerations cares a jot about commercial dishonesty unless and until it hits their own pockets, and even then is concerned only to protect its own interests.

It is regrettable but certain that our country has reached the stage that material self-interest is the *only* thing that matters.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT W. MOWAT,
"Fulwood",
Badgers Rake Lane,
Ledsham,
Wirral,
Cheshire.

From Mr Hugh Meares

Sir, It does not seem to have been pointed out that were it not for the forced sale of its principal asset, Burmah Oil would now be in a comparatively sound state of health. The loss through the premature sale of the BP stock has probably even exceeded the liabilities contingent upon the company entering receivership.

Surely the whole purpose of a *rescue* is not to seize an opportunity of weakness to maximize profit at the expense of the troubled company, but rather to trim away loss-making activities while sustaining the essential framework of the business.

The former approach which relieved Burmah of its bedrock asset at a fraction of its true value was less of a rescue than an asset-stripping operation.

Yours, etc,
HUGH MEARES,
Howicks,
East Drive,
Wentworth, Surrey.

Are exhortations to save energy worthwhile?

From Mr Peter Wheeler

Sir, The prospect of yet another rise in the price of oil leads me to wonder about the usefulness of the Save It campaign and similar exhortations. Surely it is one of the principles of monopoly trading in an essential commodity that if the customers cut down consumption so that the trader is not receiving the income he had counted on, he can simply put up the price, as Opec is about to do. By definition, the customer cannot do without the commodity, or even reduce consumption very significantly, and so he finds himself paying the same price for a reduced delivery of goods.

Why do we not face the fact that we are, for the time being, powerless? Which is preferable, to live normally and pay a certain price to Opec for it, or to go through the fatuous contortions of worrying about every light-bulb and driving around at 50 mph, and still end up paying the same price?

To those who are worried about resources, I would offer the following consideration: the sooner the oil really looks like running out, the sooner man's talent for self-preservation will come up with a viable alternative.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. WHEELER,
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No. 31 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Group A Manchester District Registry.
In the Matter of MARC GREGORY HOLDINGS LIMITED and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above mentioned company by the High Court of Justice was on the 24th day of September, 1975, presented to the said Court by Hanover Insurance Company a company incorporated under the laws of New Jersey in the United States of America whose place of business in England is situate at 14 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3M 5BP. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Courts of Justice Crown Square Manchester on Monday the 3rd day of November, 1975, at 11.00 a.m. and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DAVID BLANK & CO., 76 Cross Street, Manchester M2 4JG. Solicitors for the above named Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 31st October, 1975.

IN the MATTER of WEST BROS. (WHITTON) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31st day of October, 1975, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Mr. Philip Monjack F.C.A. of 13, Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 26th day of September, 1975.

PHILIP MONJACK, F.C.A., Liquidator.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE. In BANKRUPTCY. No. 727 of 1975. Re: Denise COLE (MARRIED WOMAN), of The Duke of York, 7 Roger Street, London, WC1, a BAR MAID, lately of The Holly Bush, Holly Court, London, NW3 described in the Receiving Order as unemployed of no fixed address. (Under Receiving Order dated 11th June, 1975, and Adjudication Order dated 28th June, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors, 24th October, 1975, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon at (Room 410, Fourth Floor), Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examination, 12th February, 1976, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Court No. 46 (Queen's Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.

D. A. THORNE, Official Receiver.

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The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 HOUSE ELECTRONICS Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Laurence Gerrard & Co., 1 Old Bond Street, Piccadilly, London, W1X 3TD, on Friday, the 3rd day of October 1975, at 12.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 17th day of September, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
Z. T. KORMICKI, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967 JOSEPH KINGHAM & SONS Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 13 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JL on Thursday, the 16th day of October 1975, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 26th day of September, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
A. C. MARGOLIS, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 30 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Group A Manchester District Registry. In the Matter of MATTHEW PETER Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above mentioned company by the High Court of Justice was on the 24th day of September 1975 presented to the said Court by Hanover Insurance Company a company incorporated under the laws of New Jersey in the United States of America whose place of business in England is situate at 14 Fenchurch Avenue London EC3M 5BP. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Courts of Justice Crown Square Manchester on Monday the 3rd day of November 1975 at 11.00 a.m. and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DAVID BLANK & CO. 76 Cross Street Manchester M2 4JG Solicitors for the above named Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 31st October 1975.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of JOHN J. DUFF Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 290 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday the 15th day of October, 1975 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 1975.

D. W. HAWKINS, Liquidator.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE. In BANKRUPTCY. No. 738 of 1975. Re: Paul DARE—UNEMPLOYED of no fixed address, and lately residing at The Holly Bush Public House, Holly Mount, Hampstead, London, NW3 (Under Receiving Order dated the 11th June, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors, 24th October 1975 at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon at Room 410, 4th Floor, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examination on the 12th February, 1976 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Court 46 (Queen's Building) Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.

D. A. THORNE, Official Receiver.

N.B. All debts due to be paid to me.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE. In BANKRUPTCY. No. 729 of 1975. Re: Colin Adrian HILL—UNEMPLOYED, of no fixed address and lately residing at 12 Marples Road, Newick, Lewes, Sussex. (Under Receiving Order dated 11th June, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors, 24th October, 1975, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at (Room 410, Fourth Floor), Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examinations, 12th February, 1976, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Court No. 46 (Queen's Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.

D. A. THORNE, Official Receiver.

N.B.—All debts due to be paid to me.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE. In BANKRUPTCY. No. 730 of 1975. Re: Mark SEABROOK—UNEMPLOYED, of no fixed address and lately residing at 7, Brookside Road, London, N19. (Under Receiving Order dated the 1st July, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors, 24th October, 1975, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon at Room 410, Fourth Floor, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examination on 12th February, 1976 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at Court 36 (Queen's Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.

D. A. THORNE, Official Receiver.

N.B. All debts due to be paid to me.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002700 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of LEENGREEN Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 11th day of August, 1975, presented to the said Court by City Electrical Factors Limited whose Registered Office is situate at 1 Station Road, Kenilworth, in the County of West Midlands. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 13th day of October, 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. GLYNTRUST Limited. (Members' Voluntary Winding Up).

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required on or before the 30th day of October 1975, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, to the undersigned JOSEPH KENNETH MATHER of 11, Ironmonger Lane, London, EC2P 2AH the LIQUIDATOR of the Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven. This notice is purely formal and all known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Dated this 23rd day of September 1975.

J. K. MATHER, Liquidator.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of LAWES CHEMICAL CO. Ltd. (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 290 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at 5/7 Eastcheap, London, E.C.3 on Friday the 31st day of October, 1975 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 29th day of September, 1975.

P. F. M. SHEWELL, K. R. CORK, Joint Liquidators.

In the matter of HEWITT MARKHAM-RANDALL Limited

By order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the twenty fourth day of April 1975 Mr GRAHAM ORD, Certified Accountant of 55 Newhall Street, Birmingham B3 3RE has been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company WITH a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

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By Order of the Board.
T. W. WRIGHT, Secretary.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

EMI becomes a glamour stock

EMI's new brain scanner is fully living up to its earlier promise. Now that competition in the scanning field is hotting up — Siemens, Pfizer and Philips among others are already hard on EMI's heels—the group is understandably a little shy about disclosing too much information about profitability. But going by the numbers sold last year—120—and the probable 20 or 25 per cent profit margin, the Emi-Scanner's contribution to EMI's pre-tax profits of £34.97m last year was probably in the region of £4½-£5m.

This has to some extent buttressed EMI's other activities which have been hit by the decline in consumer spending, especially in the United States where the important Capitol subsidiary recorded a sharp drop in profits. All that the company was hoping for at the time of the rights issue in March was that second-half profits would fall less than the 22 per cent downturn seen in the first half. In the event, the second half has again proved that EMI's activities—particularly so far as cinemas, bingo halls and record buying are concerned, are less cyclical than generally supposed.

Though much of the quarter *rise in turnover to £503m* was due to price increases, there was some volume growth as well. Margins in the United Kingdom came under pressure and profits slipped back; but as EMI is quick to point out, more than 60 per cent of its business is overseas.

Apart from Thames Television, where, along with its joint owner Rediffusion, EMI is to inject £2m, the other television interests have performed creditably, particularly in Australia which has benefited from the introduction of colour television. Film production is also coming along strongly for EMI, with "Murder on the Orient Express" turning into a prolific moneyspinner.

EMI is maintaining its conservative line on trading prospects this year but sees the current year as one of "real progress". The contribution from scanners could perhaps double, especially if, as seems likely at present, the body-scanner comes into its own. We could then expect to see the leisure activities taking over the running as consumer spending around the world responds to reflationary measures. Wall Street and London institutions *still appear to have an appetite* for the shares, which put on 6p to 204p after the results, and the shares could well sustain their present high-flying rating in the form of an historic p/e of 14.

Final: 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £191.8m
Sales £503.1m (£399.9m)
Pre-tax profits £34.97m (£35.09m)
Earnings per share 14.3p (15.8p)
Dividend gross 9.587p (8.269p).

Cadbury Schweppes

Factors in its favour

Yesterday's interim results show Cadbury Schweppes more than recovering last year's lost ground. And it is dramatically improved profits overseas, combined with better margins at home, that lie behind a pre-tax profit improvement of just over a fifth. In the United Kingdom sales went ahead by nearly 30 per cent. Improvement was across-the-board, in tea, confectionery, foods and soft drinks, *and the latter saw the first* months of the long hot summer which will be a major factor in higher United Kingdom profits for the year as a whole.

A pre-tax profits rise of 23½ per cent in the United Kingdom, though, is only partly attributable to good drinks performance. It also reflects a better climate in prices. The company, meanwhile, has taken a tough attitude towards costs and in the second half should also start to benefit from the fall in commodity prices, notably those of cocoa and sugar.

Overseas trading profits forged ahead by some £4m to £8.4m after a good recovery in Australia to the levels of 1973. And associates turning from losses of £406,000 to profits of £180,000 have improved due to deconsolidation of Spanish investments. Europe, generally, remains poor; profits here were halved at £668,000 despite a 45 per cent sales increase. However, the fall in profit does reflect write-offs of wine and spirits stocks in the Italian subsidiary following the cycle of glut and destocking.

Group borrowings now stand at £89.2m after the £25m rights issue. Capital spending this year will mop up the rights money, but interest charges, up by a full £3m to over £6m, will begin to taper off towards the end of the year. The results left the shares unmoved at 50½p yesterday. Here, the yield, at 6.8 per cent, looks respectable, *although a prospective ratio of* around 9½ on the basis of full year pre-tax profit approaching £37m is at something of a premium to the market, not to say to Rowntree's rating.

Interim 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £148m
Sales £291m (£227m)
Pre-tax profits £14.1m (£11.7m)
Dividend gross 1.01p (0.979p)

Cope Allman

Attractive yield

At first sight Cope Allman's results for the year to end-June have nothing to recommend them. After almost a decade of steady advance profits have slipped back by over 40 per cent, despite a more than doubled contribution from the highly *cyclical engineering division*, a £160,000 pre-tax improvement at packaging subsidiary Capseals, and exchange gains worth some £100,000. But there is no need to take too dismal a view of all this. The dividend is still comfortably covered, the balance sheet shows a modest improvement, and the 10.8 per cent yield at 36½p looks quite safe enough to be distinctly attractive.

Most of Cope Allman's troubles over the past year have stemmed from its manufacture of aerosol valves and cosmetic containers. In both areas there has been consistent destocking by customers, and profits have fallen by nearly two thirds. Here any hopes based on the improvement in business noticed over the past couple of weeks must necessarily be tentative, and meantime the engineering division is well into another downswing, with activity at the steel strip mill, in particular, reflecting the problems of the construction industry in the United States.

But the performance of the dress and coat manufacturing subsidiaries is steady, and that of the leisure division can be expected to improve. Within this division the contribution from operation of gaming machines has been good, but that from their manufacture should improve as the group works through what is now a year-long order book. The bicycle manufacturing business, which last year made a loss of *some* £300,000 *(partly reflecting* setting up costs, should also improve.

Meantime, the working capital requirements have been trimmed, and although capital spending is still running at some £8m annually, high depreciation charges and little to pay in the way of United Kingdom tax have helped bring the borrowings back slightly: some have been rescheduled on to a longer-term (3-7 year) basis too. Results for the first six months of this year are going to be poor: but Cope *Allman evidently can cope. And* when recovery comes on the packaging side, it should do plenty for the share price.

Final: 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £13.9m
Sales £107m (£94m)
Pre-tax profits £5.81m (£8.15m)
Earnings per share 6.56p (10.5p)
Dividend gross 3.93p (3.57p)

MFI

Out of mail order

Meagre though they are, MFI's year-end profits represent a £320,000 turnaround from the interim losses, and the cost of running down the mail order operation has masked what appears to be a reasonably firm trend in the retail division.

With the mail order business virtually eliminated, except for a small cash-based operation, and the credit ledger reduced to a nominal £100,000, MFI is now reduced to a cash retail operation.

Profitable trading on this side has apparently continued since the group's year-end and nine new branches are being opened this year, financed through a £500,000 five-year loan. Extra working capital to support this expansion will come from the proposed issue of one million new MFI shares to a principal *supply company*, Philip Lait, for a total of £180,000. Shareholders will have to approve this deal but with the subscription price at 18p—the current market price of the shares—it is hard to see that MFI is giving much away here.

All well and good but the question now is whether the retail climate from here on is going to provide the sort of momentum that a high-turn over/low-margin operation like MFI needs, particularly in its expanded form.

Final: *1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £1.8m
Sales £15.23m (£16.65m)
Pre-tax profits £0.08m (£0.81m)
Earnings per share 0.33p (3.63p)
Dividend gross nil (3.68p)
* 53 weeks.

IC Gas

Reasons for the rights

Imperial Continental Gas is one of the more surprising entrants into the rights issue arena, with its one-for-seven offer at 260p to raise £12½m. It must be one of the most undergeared companies: for the year to the end of March, for instance, the debt/equity ratio was 1:4. The background is that Calor Gas has a capital programme of £10.6m this year to prepare for expansion with the availability of North Sea liquified petroleum gas.

Century Power & Light will also need to finance its share of the exploitation of the Maureen *and Andrew fields in the North* Sea. On the overnight price of 350p the rights was at a near 26 per cent discount, and IC Gas will put up the dividend this year by 20 per cent to 12.28p a share gross.

At 340p yesterday the shares are yielding a prospective 3.7 per cent and commanding the traditional high-flying IC Gas rating—24 times earnings. Ambitious, but probably realistic, given the record and solid energy base.

General Atomic: the problem of turning technical ability into commercial success

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"Much industry speculation *that GA will get out of nuclear* business" ran the succinct headline in last week's issue of *Nucleonics Week*. GA is General Atomic, owned jointly by Gulf Oil and Royal Dutch/Shell; the speculation may be premature but the problems facing the company are severe.

Ironically, they arise from investment in a branch of nuclear technology which, in principle, has significant benefits compared with other reactor designs. For General Atomic has been marketing high-temperature gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) systems, which offer *higher efficiency and superior* environmental and safety features.

The general problem has been to move from the prototype-demonstration stage to a practicable commercial business based on volume sales of large HTGR units. A few years ago the prospects were reasonably bright; more recently they have been hit by rising costs, extended timescales and the financial troubles of the electricity utilities.

Using graphite-clad nuclear fuel elements and helium as the reactor working fluid, the HTGR is able to achieve very high temperatures in operation. It is more efficient than the established light-water reactors in converting its heat into electricity and rejects much less heat to the environment (thus needing much less cooling water).

Its fuel consists of small carbon-coated particles of uranium carbide and thorium carbide. The thorium is converted *into uranium-233, which does* not occur in nature. An HTGR plant could save more than 2,000 tons of uranium over its lifetime, it is estimated, compared with other commercial reactors.

Research into a significant new use for the high-temperature reactor, beyond that of generating electricity, is under way in several countries (and is of particular interest in Japan). This is to use the reactor as a source of heat for a range of industrial processes.

General Atomic is participating in this research. The uses envisaged include steelmaking, coal gasification, hydrogen production and the recovery of crude oil from tar sands and oil shale.

General Atomic's high-temperature reactor was first offered commercially in 1971. A 40-megawatt prototype had begun commercial operation at Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania, in 1967; this was followed by a 330MW unit at Forst St Vrain near Denver, Colorado.

Based at San Diego, California, General Atomic had been founded in 1955 as a division of General Dynamics and was *acquired by Gulf Oil Corporation* in 1967. When Royal Dutch/Shell came in as an equal partner with Gulf in July, 1973 (at an entry fee of about £80m) the order book showed 10 reactors to be supplied up to 1984.

Shell were well aware that much heavier investments would be needed and that contract losses would be incurred because of the development nature of the business.

In July, 1974, because of the "rapid escalation of almost all costs associated with a venture of this kind", Shell made provision for losses of £96m on the General Atomic partnership. In April this year it disclosed that the 1974 loss was in fact £122m (compared with a loss of £21m in the previous year).

By this time four of the 10 HTGR orders had been cancelled and others had been delayed. The background to this was a general picture of cancellations and delays in nuclear projects in the United States—affecting the established rival light-water reactor suppliers even more seriously in terms of numbers of projects.

Faced with large increases in cost—in some cases they had almost doubled in only a few years—the utilities were stretching out their planned nuclear station construction programmes. They were finding it difficult to obtain finance.

Projects originally planned to take, say, nine years to completion were being stretched to *10 to 15 years.*

In this situation an extrapolation forward of the unprecedented inflation of 1974-75 produced a horrifying risk prospect. In the words of a General Atomic manager: "You're getting into never-never land as far as the business is concerned."

At the beginning of last month General Atomic was down to two orders, each for two HTGR units. These were two 1,160mW units for Philadelphia Electric at Fulton, Pennsylvania, and two 770mW units for Delmarva Power & Light at Summit, Delaware.

General Atomic was hoping to renegotiate both contracts to reflect present-day inflation rates (the nuclear steam supply system, the heart of the power station, is normally sold on a fixed-price basis). Its conditional purchase order with Philadelphia Electric had been extended several times and was due for a further renewal.

But it was not renewed. Early in September General Atomic told Philadelphia Electric that it was unwilling to continue work on the nuclear systems for the Fulton station *under the existing contractual* arrangements and, having failed to renegotiate the contract, was suspending its work on the project.

This left General Atomic with only one remaining order, the two 770mW reactors for Delmarva Power & Light. At present the nuclear company is still trying to renegotiate this contract, while continuing *work on the project.*

In this uncertain situation General Atomic has been having talks with the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA). One possibility is that ERDA might adopt the Summit station as a demonstration HTGR project and relieve General Atomic of the financial burden.

But Shell, at least, denies strongly that this means that the fate of General Atomic is in the hands of the United States Government, as has been suggested. The company's fate is in its own hands and those of the two partners, a Shell spokesman says, but he admits it is a very difficult situation.

It will remain a difficult situation, to put it mildly, whether or not ERDA agrees to fund the Delmarva project. Even if funds are forthcoming, this is a very low business base on which to keep General Atomic going.

Hence the speculation in the industry newsletter that General Atomic will abandon the nuclear business. Neither partner thought that commercial success was near when *they set up the joint arrange*ment two years ago. But the business has crumbled rapidly.

For Shell, Gulf and General Atomic the knowledge that at some time in the future the HTGR may contribute significantly to power generation and to industrial processes will not really help them in resolving their present dilemma.

America's budget committees a help or hindrance?

A probable budget deficit this year of more than $70,000m (about £34,400m) and quite possibly a deficit of similar size in fiscal year 1977, are confronting the United States government.

The huge deficits are to no small extent the product of a system that is biased towards the continual creation of new *and costly government schemes* and programmes and which has inadequate procedures for ensuring that old programmes which are costly but which are no longer useful, are ended.

In an attempt to remedy the situation the Congress established budget committees last year, whose task it is to monitor the overall size of the budget and ensure that individual actions by specialized committees of the Congress did not push the total level of government expenditures beyond levels which had been agreed by the Congress.

Should these committees achieve their central aim of ensuring budget discipline by the Congress, then, according to such authorities as Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve, their creation will have been one of the most important steps towards reforming government procedures taken in years.

The complicated legislative American system makes it virtually impossible at the moment swiftly to change fiscal policies in line with changing economic developments.

The often tedious and almost always lengthy process of negotiation between the Congress and the executive branch of government has tended to rob the system of the fiscal policy flexibility enjoyed by parliamentary systems.

In addition, the lack of any firm control on the overall volume of congressional spending has made it extremely difficult for forecasters to predict United States developments.

One problem is that the final size of a budget has often been far greater than suggested at the start of a fiscal year, when the President presents his budget proposals to Congress.

The budget committees, therefore, by exercising discipline and also by ensuring a degree of budget planning, should help economic forecasters and also provide an environment where fiscal policy changes can be made somewhat more swiftly.

The new budget committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives get down to business in earnest at the start of the next fiscal year, but they have been using the 1976 fiscal budget to get experience and prepare for the problems ahead.

They have already managed to get both Houses of Congress to accept resolutions that set $68,800m as a target ceiling for the current year's budget deficit.

In addition, the economists of the committees have just published a lengthy report which provides congressmen with some perspectives on the budget and general economic outlook.

It would be wrong at this early stage to criticize the infant committees, but it is an illustration of their difficulties so far, and those ahead of them, that despite establishing a target ceiling there is every prospect of Congress accepting such a wealth of new programmes that the current year's deficit will end well above the aimed-for ceiling.

That the budget committees could evolve into major power centres was well demonstrated by the number of congressmen who sought to have seats on the new committees.

That economists, administration officials, businessmen and trade unionists recognize the potential of the committees was *illustrated recently by the num*ber of star performers who attended hearings called by Senator Muskie, the Senate budget committee's chairman.

The list of experts who testified before the committee ranged from the director of the office of management and *budget, Mr Lynn, to that old* foe of the administration, Mr Meany, the head of the AFL-CIO trade union organization.

Despite all this, and the publicity the committees have been attracting, there are increasing signs that the committees will not achieve all that is hoped for them.

To start with, there appear to be definite signs that individual specialized committees are determined to set appropriations independently, paying precious little attention to the advice of the budget committees.

More importantly, there is no sign yet that the Senate finance *committee and the House ways* and means committee, which determine tax matters, will be willing to cede any of their most substantial power to the new budget committees.

These factors suggest that there is a possibility the budget committees may well prove to be a danger, rather than a help to the goal of improved budget control and greater fiscal policy flexibility.

Mr George Meany (left), the American union leader, one of the "*star performers*" who testified before the Senate budget committee under its chairman Senator Muskie (right).

In future, for example, it seems quite possible that the budget committees will want to review proposed tax changes by the administration, as well as the special tax committees and the growingly influential joint economic committee of the Congress.

The budget committees could serve to delay, rather than hasten, action.

So far, the new committees can proudly claim initial prestige, respect from the press and White House alike, and the power to get the Congress to pass its first ever resolution setting a budget target.

But the disturbing factor so far is that committees appear to be neglecting the targets and if this should prove to be the case in the future, then American fiscal policy may become more unwieldy than ever, so granting the independent Federal Reserve System all the more power to determine the economy's course by means of monetary policy.

Frank Vogl

Business Diary: What beans really means • Tax relief

British accountants, at present priding themselves on their full, frank and fearless response to the problems of inflation accounting, were yesterday urged to "quit counting beans".

This forthright advice came, perhaps not surprisingly, from an American, Philip Defliese, who is a managing partner in the American end of Coopers & Lybrand and chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Accountants, Defliese said, should be out there standardizing international accounting practices and, in a phrase rather infelicitous on this side of the Atlantic, thus helping to build "a New World Order".

His message to a gathering of the London District Society of Chartered Accountants was that the profession was getting bogged down in the minutiae of inflation accounting.

Accounting, for example, had not kept pace with the march of multinational business, which could be starved of capital because investors in one country didn't trust the figures put out by accountants in another country.

There were troubles between labour and capital because labour didn't trust accountants' figures in any country.

"It will take 25 years of hard work to harmonize international accounting practices—if we are lucky", Defliese said. He sees the emergence of a worldwide professional body from a gathering in Munich the year after next.

His own firm is the result of a merger between Coopers, the British partnership, and of the Americans, Lybrand, Ross Bros & Montgomery.

Philip Defliese: forthright.

Italian loss

Millions of Italian tax-dodgers are congratulating themselves on the death of Project Atena.

Atena, whose name is composed of the initials for "National electronic tax list", was supposed to have shown, at the push of a button, who had not paid his income and other taxes. It was meant to have been working by the start of this year after five years' effort and a cost unofficially put at more than £66m.

But Atena is not working, and a government review of the scheme has been followed by *reports that the hardware is* being quietly dismantled and sold at knockdown prices.

What knocked down Atena was not the intractability of Italian taxpayers, or rather tax-dodgers. The computer starved to death because civil servants in the regional tax offices failed to *supply it with the promised* data.

It is government policy to encourage senior officials to retire early in favour of younger men. The tax department lost a third of its most experienced people.

This, at least, is the view of Ludovico Biraghi Lossetti, chairman of IBM Italia, which provided the hardware. For the past two years about 6,000 civil servants are said to have sat around doing nothing in what became known as the finance ministry's "toy department".

The man in the street, who since the beginning of this year has had his income tax deducted at source, blames the Government's huge tax losses on industrialists, property speculators and professional people who salt away undeclared taxes in Switzerland.

Francesco Colucci, secretary of the parliamentary committee on finance, says that if the Government were able to bring in all the tax it were owed this year's £7,700m budget deficit would be halved.

Pop chart

Bit by bit it seems as if the pieces in some vast jigsaw reconstruction of the Depression are falling into place.

Dole queues we have already, but what of a report in the current issue of *Retail Jeweller* about brisk business for pawnbrokers?

The magazine quotes John Brown, general secretary of the National Pawnbrokers' Association, as saying that stocks have doubled in the past six years and that traders are charging an average interest rate of 20 per cent.

These days, however, people who have run out of credit are no longer able to pop furniture or clothing: except in the North, Brown says, pawnbrokers won't take it.

Many businesses, he says, now prefer jewelry because it's cheaper to store now that rent and rates are so high. It's also hard to get the staff to appraise a wide range of items.

U K connexion?

A possible London connexion with Watergate-style money emerges from the American federal court conviction of Dr Armand Hammer on criminal charges, to which he pleaded guilty.

Already part of case history are various money "laundries" from Mexico to the Bahamas. But an unidentified "London consultant" emerges in this week's court documents as someone who agreed to "serve as a fictitious source of the funds" in play in the case.

The sum, $54,000, was Dr Hammer's money, contributed to the Nixon reelection campaign, first anonymously, but later avowedly in the names of four associates of an associate. Dr Hammer acknowledged that that was illegal, but he had always in the past contributed anonymously.

Part of the cover-up story, acknowledged in the guilty pleas, was that Dr Hammer's *associate, Tim Babcock, a for*mer Governor of Montana and officer of Occidental already sentenced to imprisonment for his part of the case, had lent the money to the contributors.

But since Babcock was not rich enough to have done so, the documents said, "It was also decided that in order to lend credence to this fictitious loan story and enable it to withstand investigation, sham notes should be created".

Enter the "London consultant".

All this fiction was served up under oath to the FBI and the Senate Watergate Committee but it fell apart when Babcock decided the game was up last June.

The prosecutors will not say who the "consultant" is, but one thing is known—he may be liable to arrest as an accessory if he sets foot in the United States.

Air fringe

Top brass from the aircraft and aircraft engine manufacturing industries in Britain and the United States are out in force on the fringes of the International Air Transport Association annual meeting in Oslo, which this week has brought together world airline chiefs.

They are only on the fringes because IATA believes in keeping them at a distance, after previous years in which the manufacturers took over the annual meeting with a cascade of hospitality aimed at promoting sales of their equipment.

This year, the ruling is that the people who make the planes shall not go near the conference area; they have not even been *issued badges to get them past* the security guards, although they can attend the social functions in the evening. But with sales of airliners at £10m and engines at £500,000 a time in prospect, ingenuity knows no bounds, and manufacturers may be seen any day in the conference area, in spite of the guards on the door, buttonholing prospective clients.

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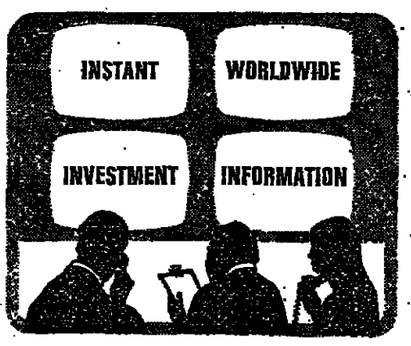

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A 10 p... price of ...y Byland British interim statement from its tann Crucible, the manufac- and r of ca.bonite components Ezra materials to industries Cos... oughout the world, sounds a ...ote of optimism. The board thinks that some of the "haze and uncertainty" overshadowing world markets since October 1973 is at least being dispelled. Efforts to fight inflation in Japan, France, Germany and the United States should help expansion in 1976.

Morgan came out with only a minor fall in profit for the six months to June 29. The pre-tax total of £2,517,000 compares with £2,966,000 previously. The net interim payment, as promised, is maintained at 2.75p (equivalent to 4.2p gross) on the capital increased by the £4.87m rights issue made last April.

Sales rose by £3m to £32.3m for the half year, a trend disclosed in the group's report on trading for the first quarter. From the taxed profit of £1.3m, there was a slightly increased deduction of £186,000 for minorities and preference dividends.

TPT retreating as slump bites

TPT, the paper and broad tube maker ultimately controlled by Sonoco Products of the United States, is feeling the recession in textiles, the biggest single customer. Sales, thanks to higher prices, slipped hardly at all to £8.4m but pre-tax profits went down from £1.4m to £1m and earnings a share from 3.4p to 2.7p. Even so the net interim dividend is 1p a share again or 1.54p gross.

The present financial year to December opened with weak demand in several divisions as well as short time and at the annual meeting in May shareholders were told that volume and profits were significantly down.

Stock markets

Equities firmer as gilt-edged stage recovery

After a dull start, the London stock market assumed a slightly firmer tone yesterday as the end of the account drew nearer.

To begin with, the state of sterling, depressing Wall Street influences and some light selling kept prices in the doldrums, but as the day progressed there was some improvement brought about in the main by a strong recovery in gilts as fears of a rise in the Minimum Lending Rate receded.

At the close, the industrial leaders finished in a narrowly mixed range around overnight levels and the *FT* Index, down 3.6 at 11 pm, managed to end the session two points up at 328.6. Official figures released for last month show that after a poor August (no doubt brought about by annual holidays), the value of equity deals returned to previous levels.

At £1,287.4m, the September figure compares with £885.18m in August, £1,159.1m in July and £1,390.9m in the previous month. The September, 1974, total was £672.6m. On the fixed-interest side, the figure of £3,737.82m is set against £4,325.6m in August and £3,233.9m a year before.

Gilts recovered from Wednesday's buffeting, but dealers said that the market remained nervous and unsettled. The strengthening of sterling on the foreign exchange markets steadied the situation in the morning as talk of an increase in Minimum Lending Rate died down.

"Shorts" opened ¼ or ½ point easier, but rallied in the morning. Dealers said that some bear-closing contributed to the stabilizing of the market. A continuing reaction to recent falls left most stocks ¼ point up on the day.

"Longs" also opened lower, but, like "shorts", picked up during the session. Most prices were ¼ point up on the day. Dealers described turnover as light.

"Blue chips" which ended near to overnight levels included ICI 281, up a penny, Unilever 390p, down 2p, and Fisons, unchanged at 378p after the weakness of the previous few days. Glaxo rose 2½p to 355½p, after a rally from 348p.

IC Gas had been a nervous market on Wednesday and the reason became evident when plans for a £12m rights were announced. The shares shed 10p to 340p, while Grand Metropolitan, now over the worst affects of its rights, added a penny to 63p.

The bid scene provided a few features, notably Walmsley (Bury), the papermaking machinery group, where terms from the United States Beloit company worth 60p had the effect of just about doubling the price by 27½p to 54½p. The lack of a fresh move from Inchcape eased Anglo-Thai 5p to 151p after Wednesday's rejection, while another whose bones appear to be on the wane—G. Dew—came off 8p to 87p.

The banks, moving widely at present, resumed a firmer tone with Lloyds and National Westminster both adding 4p to 222p and 232p respectively and Barclays going better by adding 7p to 282p.

The recent light speculative interest which has emerged in properties was not present and on a neglected pitch Haslemere lost 4p to 180p and Centrovincial 2p to 37p.

Major reporting had EMI up 6p to 204p on better-than-expected results, but Cadbury Schweppes, though more or less on target, did little and closed at an unchanged 50½p. Rowntree added 3p to 156p. In late dealings, Thomson Organisation lost 3p to 173p.

Stores were in the main a penny or two down with Gus "A" 2p off to 185p. Suffering from neglect was J. Lyons where the "A" shares were again weak and shed 4p to 138p. With the Royal Insurance new shares still readily traded, there were signs of firmness on the insurance pitch. General Accident 160p and Phoenix 212p both gained a couple of pence and Commercial Union went a point better at 150p.

Evidence of switching from BP came to light again on the oil pitch with the shares ending 7p down to 545p. Meanwhile, Shell put off 4p to 342p. Gold shares, after recent firmness, made a gloomy showing with falls in the 25p to 75p range.

A soft spot was provided by both the ordinary and "A" shares of Thorn, both of which came off 8p to 198p.

In a lifeless building pitch, Atlas Stone was firm and unchanged at 98p, while RMC reacted 3p to 71p after results earlier this week. End-of-account profit-taking hit Danish Bacon, 130p and down 7p, while speculative interest added a couple of pence to Howard Shuttering.

A higher return from Lake & Elliot boosted the shares 5p to 51p, Morgan Crucible added half a point to 81½p after an interim and Alfred Clough ended at an unchanged 70p. Warning of a second-half loss clipped 5p to 23p from Anglo Swiss. Ferry Pickering and Beauford both responded to favourable statements, but Cope Allman, Capseals and Campari, on reflection, were all a little easier.

Where changed, prices were a little firmer after hours. Gilt-edged stocks, mostly "shorts", had gains of up to three-sixteenths and insurances continued to be wanted. Following a statement by the Stock Exchange of the Tootal-Trutex merger, the former firmed a penny.

Equity turnover on October 1 was £55.46m (13,837 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, Royal Insurance new, British American Tobacco, Shell, Thorn, Anglo-Thai, Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, BP, Marks & Spencer, Lyons, Cadbury, Ladbroke and EMI.

Shares of Carless Capel were active at 65p after touching 69p. The institutions are thought to be optimistic about the result of a second appraisal of certain of the group's North Sea interests.

Speculators say the long, hot summer may have been good for Hugh Baird, the Glasgow-based maltsters whose results are due soon. A rise of 5p to 21p was also accompanied by talk of a bid, but some dealers are sceptical.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Alva Inv. (25p) Int	2.11	1.84	31/10	—	4.44
Anglo-Swiss (25p) Int	Nil	1	—	—	4.72
Aurora Hldgs (5p) Fin	0.60	0.48	—	0.78	0.96
Beauford Group (10p) Int	0.87	0.87	11/12	—	2.38
Capseals (5p) Fin	0.73	0.72	10/12	1.40	1.31
Cent & Sheepwood (5) Int	0.89	0.83	12/12	—	1.72
Alfred Clough (20p) Int	1.95	1.67	16/10	—	2.27
Cope Allman (5p) Fin	1.55	1.41	3/2	2.55	2.39
EMI (50p) Fin	3.60	2.91	—	6.23	5.54
Ferry Pickering (10p)	1.38	1.13	17/11	2.51	2.35
Gough Bros. (20p) Int	0.98	0.94	21/11	—	2.76
Kamunting Tin (15p) Fin	5.0	4.25	25/11	7.0	6.0
Lake & Elliot (25p) Fin	1.82	1.78	2/1	3.12	2.93
Malton Inv. (£1) Int	3	2.01	14/11	—	8.0
M.F.I. Warehouses (10p) Fin	Nil	1.20	—	—	2.46
Minty (25p) Int	1	1	17/10	—	1
Morgan Crucible (25p) Int	2.75	2.75	—	—	4.29
Prov. Launderies (25p) Int	4.78	4.78	17/11	—	9.94
Tanganyika Cons Int	4	5.5	21/11	—	13?
Thomson Org (25p) Int	1.6	1.65	—	—	4.43
Warne Wright (10p) Int	0.98	0.92	1/12	—	1.84
Jas Warren (£1) Int	Nil	3.5	—	—	9.45

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Fast moving Lake & Elliot beats £1m

The iron and steel castings group, Lake & Elliot, has continued its recovery from the losses of 1973. Indeed it ended the year to July 31 with a record profit of £1.87m, against £510,000. This is the first time that the group has passed the £1m mark. Turnover rose from £10m to £15.8m. The dividend is raised from 4.36p to 4.8p, and earnings a share are 10.33p, against 3.87p.

However, profits this time include an extraordinary item of £316,000, a profit on a sale of land.

Midland News dips

The recent decline in advertising revenue is given as the main reason for a fall in pre-tax profits of the Midland News Association from £619,000 to £404,000 in the six months to June 30. Unless there is an improvement in advertising, no rise in profits can be expected for the second half. The group publishes newspapers in Shropshire.

Brascan not to proce... with Ashland offer

Toronto, Oct 2.—Ashland Canada Ltd said that Brasc... Ltd will not proceed with tentative oral offer to buy ... the shares of Ashland ... Canada held by Ashland Oi... Inc.

A spokesman said the terms of Brascan's proposed offer were "not acceptable to Ashland Oil Inc" and that "all negotiations have been halted".

On September 12 Brascan and Ashland said Brascan had made a "tentative oral proposal" to the United States parent, which holds 83 per cent of the outstanding shares of Ashland Oil Canada.—Reuter.

Regional Props sel... stake in Tussaud's

Regional Properties discloses that it has disposed of its hold...g of 3,063,500 ordinary shares ... Madame Tussaud's for a consideration slightly over book value. The shares were placed with a group of institutional investors. At yesterday's price of 20p (down 2p) the stake was worth £612,700 in the market. The shares placed are about 14 per cent of MT's equity.

Usinor tumbles into big loss

Major French steel producer, and a member of the Denain Group, Union Siderurgique du Nord et de l'Est (Usinor) tumbled into a loss of 369.89m francs in the first half compared with profits of 756.79m francs. The loss is blamed on a sharp decline in production because of the economic recession. The second-half is likely to be "just as bad, if not worse", said a company spokesman. Generally it was "the worst period since 1930".

Deutsche Bank optimism

Deutsche Bank AG expects net profits this year to be higher than 1974's 234 million Deutsche marks, executive board spokesman Herr Franz Ulrich said. The dividend should be 10 marks against nine, a press conference on the introduction of the bank's shares to the Vienna Bourse was told. The shares will also be quoted at Zurich from December 2, and later on in London. Credit expansion is still weak, and business volume is sticking around last year's levels.

Currency windfall for Tanganyika Co

Windfall foreign exchange gains have provided a dramatic boost to the interim figures from Tanganyika Concessions, accounting for some 67 per cent of pre-tax profits, which were £492,430 against £346,275 for the same period last year. The company points out that no dividends can be anticipated for the year from Benguela Railway, which has been closed by the fighting in Angola.

Business appointments

Sun Alliance top management changes

Mr S. Bettesworth is to retire as deputy chief general manager of Sun Alliance and London Insurance on December 31. He will continue as a director of Sun Alliance and its principal subsidiary companies. The following appointments will be effective from January 1: Mr K. G. Addison (general manager, home division) and Mr G. Bowler (general manager, finance division) to deputy chief general managers; Mr P. H. Bartrum (assistant general manager, home division) to general manager, home division; Mr W. G. Niven (assistant general manager, finance division) to general manager, finance division.

Mr J. W. Ramplin, has been appointed deputy chairman and chief executive of C. T. Bowring Underwriting Services. He remains a director of C. T. Bowring (Insurance) Holdings and C. T. Bowring & Co (Insurance). Mr W. N. M. Lawrence has been appointed a director of C. T. Bowring Underwriting Services and Mr G. A. Hargreaves chief executive of C. T. Bowring & Co (Insurance), aviation division.

Mr Barrie Heath has been made a director of Barclays Bank with effect from January 16.

Mr A. J. H. Buckley and Mr B. Banks have resigned from the board of Equity Enterprises. Mr J. K. O'Donnell has been appointed chairman in place of Mr Buckley.

Mr D. Clancey has been named group managing director of Matthew Hall. Mr R. Pearson is retiring from the board.

Mr Gabriel Sacher has retired from the board of Marks and Spencer.

Mr R. C. Langley has been appointed managing director of C. E. Heath & Co (Agencies) in succession to Mr D. W. Graves, who is leaving the group. Mr P. Armstrong and Mr P. F. Dawson have been made directors. Mr Armstrong joins the group as chief underwriter, C. E. Heath (Agencies). Mr Langley has resigned from the board of C. E. Heath & Co (Insurance Broking).

Mr K. R. G. Tomkinson has been made chairman and Mr R. G. Pugh-Cook managing director of Tomkinsons Holdings. Mr N. G. Lancaster has retired as chairman; he remains a director.

Mr P. L. Wright has succeeded Mr J. T. Husbands as tobacco division director responsible for BAT in Latin America. Mr Husbands retires from the BAT board.

Mr J. R. Burley has been appointed production director, Goodyear Great Britain.

Mr R. H. Baird has been made group finance director of Serck.

Mr Neville Cohen has joined the board of Oakeshotts as chief executive.

Mr Peter Ling, managing director of Spicers International and a director of Reed Group, is resigning on November 30 to take up an overseas appointment outside the group.

Seven new members have been elected to the council of the British Institute of Management. They are: Mr J. Birch, managing director, Crompton Lighting; Mr D. H. Broome, managing director, Computer Technology; Mr G. S. Brosan, director, North-East London Polytechnic; Mr W. D. H. Gregson, assistant general manager, Ferranti, Scotland; Mr Marion McQuillan, special projects manager, Imperial Metal Industries; Mr J. Miller, financial director, J. R. Forrester and Co; Mr C. C. Pocock, managing director, Royal Dutch/Shell Group. In addition, Mr E. D. Nicholson, chairman, board of management research groups, has been co-opted to the council.

Following the appointment of Mr J. M. Hignett as managing director of Charrington, Mr G. P. Hewitt, a sales director of Bass South West, has been appointed executive director of Hewitt Brothers.

Mr G. A. Lowrie, an executive director of Ronson Products, has been appointed a deputy managing director. He succeeds Mr I. K. Brook, who becomes executive vice-president, international division of Ronson Corporation. He remains a director of Ronson Products.

Mr John Hanley, president and chief executive officer of Monsanto, has been elected chairman of the Monsanto board. He succeeds Mr Charles Sommer, who has retired but remains a member of the board.

Mr C. D. C. Dickens is retiring as director of communication at International Computers and is succeeded by Mr G. J. Morris, currently manager, education and training.

Professor F. J. du Plessis has been appointed a director of Messina (Transvaal) Development.

Mr William Lowe has been elected president of the World Federation of Investment Clubs.

Mr Michael Nightingale, chairman of Anglo-Indonesian Plantations has been appointed to the board of Eva Industries.

Mr Alan Marriott has been named director of the technical division of The British Paper and Board Industry Federation.

Mr Garth Banks has been elected to the board of Matthew Clark and Sons (Holdings).

Mr Peter Sharpe is now a director of Golding Adam (Underwriting Managers). Mr John Weston becomes an assistant director of Golding Collins (Reinsurance Brokers).

Mr M. Laycock is now a director of Taylor Woodrow Construction (Northern).

As a result of the merger of interests between Sandell Perkins and Board & Co, Mr H. M. W. Harris has been appointed a director and deputy chairman, and Mr J. S. Faulder a director of Sandell Perkins.

Mr I. A. Martin has been appointed managing director of ITT Distributors. He succeeds Mr F. W. O'Loughlin, who continues as chairman in addition to assuming wider responsibilities of ITT in Germany.

Dr B. A. Hems has retired as managing director of Glaxo Research, and is succeeded by Dr Tom Walker.

Mr Michael Lambert has been made sales director of Trident Equipment.

Mr N. Maris has been named deputy chairman of Harrison (Birmingham) Brassfoundry, Harrison (Birmingham) Metals and Plastiglide Products.

Mr B. H. Toms has retired as a director of Serck.

Mr H. L. S. Dibley has joined the board of Property Security Investment Trust.

Mr W. Ellison has resigned as a director and secretary of Helical Bar, and Mr J. S. Allcock has been appointed a director. Mr S. J. Murphy becomes company secretary.

Glendevon Investment Trust Limited

	1975	1974
Asset value per share	78.4p	61.5p
Total assets	£13,133,630	£12,445,108
Revenue available for ordinary shareholders	£204,760	£212,202
Ordinary dividend per share	2.10p	2.10p
Capitalisation issue in B ordinary shares	2.1789%	3.44103%

Mr. J.A. Lumsden covered the following points in his review of the year to 31st July, 1975.

RESULTS
Earnings per ordinary share fell from 2.64p to 2.48p and net asset value per ordinary and B ordinary share increased from 61.5p to 78.4p.

DIVIDEND POLICY
For 1975/76, the Board have recommended an interim dividend of 0.65p (1.05p) and have forecast a final dividend of not less than 0.65p (1.05p).
This reduction in dividend has been necessitated by two factors — (1) The Board consider that the primary objective of their investment policy must be to restore the capital position, and accordingly they have thought it right to become more fully invested in equities. As a result the income available for dividend in the current year will be significantly reduced; but if the Board's policy is successful it should lead to progressive growth in the revenue and dividend. (2) As a result of the recent Finance Act large conversions of B shares into ordinary shares ranking for the final dividend for 1975/76 and for all subsequent dividends are expected.

PORTFOLIO
The UK percentage of the equity portfolio fell during the year from 34.83 to 27.45 and if the investment currency premium is ignored, the USA percentage rose from 25.22 to 28.97 while the percentage in Japan remained little changed at 13.48.

OUTLOOK
Recovery from the world economic recession is slow. In the UK inflation remains high and it is vital that the Government's wage policy should succeed. Even so the recession in the UK economy is likely to become more severe in the months ahead.

The Board's present policy is to remain fairly fully invested in equities, but with the greater part of the portfolio invested outside the UK and with the UK portfolio concentrated primarily on companies with substantial oversees earnings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The annual general meeting will be held on Monday, 27th October 1975 at 2.30 p.m. at 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LD.

MANAGED BY MURRAY JOHNSTONE LIMITED

"Central & Sheerwood is now a holding company with a broad spread of industrial interests as well as financial services. 1974 earnings are mainly derived from crane-making, heavy engineering and the production of components for the transport and construction industries. It is the spread of interests in the right sectors of industry which has helped Central & Sheerwood's performance when other companies have faltered. Management accounts so far indicate that profits in 1975 will exceed those for 1974. An interim dividend of 27½% gross (25% gross in 1974) has been declared."

Dr. F. A. Singer, Chairman of Central & Sheerwood speaking at yesterday's Annual General Meeting.

Producing mudguards at the Robert Stockis factory in Manchester. A Ransomes & Rapier NCK-Rapier Elger C110 crawler crane.

Steel fabrication at Newton Chambers Engineering in Sheffield. Aluminium diecasting at the A. L. Dunn factory at Nuneaton.

CENTRAL & SHEERWOOD

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Company Secretary, The Central & Sheerwood Trust Limited, 36 Chesham Place, London SW1X 8HE.

INTERIM STATEMENT

ALFRED CLOUGH LIMITED

Interim Statement
UNAUDITED RESULTS

		6th Jan. 1975 to 22nd June 1975 (115 Working Days) £		1st Jan. 1974 to 7th July 1974 (118 Working Days) £	
Turnover (excluding inter-Group sales)		3,440,751		2,624,565	
Export Sales to some 40 countries (included in above figure of Turnover)	48%	1,654,366		1,419,637	54%
Profit before Taxation		153,415*		108,752*	
Less Corporation Tax	52%	79,775		56,551	52%
Profit after Taxation		73,640		52,201	
Less half year's Preference Dividend		2,835		2,835	
Interim Ordinary Dividend of 1.950 pence per share (15% Gross)		28,762		24,706	1.675p per share (12½% Gross)
		31,597		27,541	
Retained Profit		42,043		24,660	
Add Revenue Reserves brought forward		519,409		386,666	
Revenue Reserves carried forward		561,452		411,326	
Earnings per Ordinary Share		4.80p		3.35p	
* Profit figures are after Crediting :—					
Amounts receivable in respect of consequential loss of profits claim (Final settlement 7.11.74)				49,520	
Claims for additional costs incurred including exceptional repairs and reinstatement and for loss of profits as a result of damage to a factory		85,000			

INTERIM ORDINARY DIVIDEND

For reasons that I made known to Shareholders the Board felt they should make a responsible gesture and cut the second interim dividend paid on 4th April, 1975 in lieu of a final dividend in respect of the financial year ended 5th January, 1975.

The Board now feel that the current interim dividend should yield some compensation to the Ordinary shareholders who have seen since 4th April, 1975 the largest wages increase yet to their workforce.

Accordingly, an interim ordinary dividend of 1.95p per share (15% gross) payable on 16th October, 1975 to all shareholders on the Register at 3rd October, 1975 has today been declared so that our Ordinary shareholders too may feel that the Board is giving them a fair crack of the whip.

CURRENT TRADING

Shortened Order Books coupled with rising costs of production have been the general experience of the industry during the current year so we have cause to be thankful for the trading results disclosed above.

Since the return at the beginning of July of our workforce from their main summer holidays, we have had to introduce some short time working to 4 days per week in some departments mainly to ensure balanced stocks.

Some short time working may continue spasmodically over the next few months but fortunately we are receiving excellent new orders from new hard currency export customers.

Our increase in turnover was £816,186, equivalent to an increase of 31% which included our export sales totalling £1,654,366 against £1,419,637, an increase of 16% compared with the corresponding interim period of 1974.

E. H. MARLEY, Chairman.

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THE THOMSON ORGANISATION LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

The Directors have declared an Interim Ordinary Dividend for 1975 of 1.6p per share, which together with the related Advance Corporation Tax amounts to a gross equivalent of 2.46p per share, the same as last year. The register will be closed for one day on 20th October, 1975 and the date of payment of the dividend will be 2nd January, 1976.

The unaudited results for the half year to 30th June, 1975 with comparative figures for 1974 are shown below:

	Half year ended 30th June 1975 £'000	1974 £'000
Turnover	99,957	82,936
Trading Profit	3,877	3,369
Interest	1,743	2,312
	2,134	1,057
Share of profits less losses of Associated Companies	666	565
	2,800	1,622
Taxation	1,534	1,077
	1,246	545
Minority Interest	56	149
	1,190	396
Preference Dividend	484	484
Available for Equity Shareholders	706	(88)
The cost to the company of the Interim Ordinary Dividend will be	689	711

For the six months ended 30th June, turnover increased by 20% and trading profits by 15% compared to the same period last year. Our publishing interests were and continue to be adversely affected by general business conditions and the constraints of the Price Code, *and their full year results are likely to be materially below those of last year.* However, our travel interests showed a substantial improvement over last year and, as *intimated in the annual report, should make a significant* contribution to the results of the full year. The reduction in interest costs resulted from lower borrowing levels, following the rights issue in 1974, together with the lower average level of interest rates compared to the first half of last year.

Losses of *The Times* continue to be borne by a Thompson family company and not by The Thomson Organisation Ltd.

The development of the Piper and Claymore oilfields are proceeding satisfactorily. Exploration of the remaining areas of the six blocks continues.

2nd October, 1975

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WARD & GOLDSTONE LTD.

"The Group Balance Sheet continues to maintain its traditional strength with reserves now standing at almost three times the issued Capital and assets exceeding liabilities by £14.2 million"

YEAR TO MARCH 31st	1975 (£000's)	1974 (£000's)
GROUP SALES	42,183	31,917
TRADING PROFIT	4,302	4,296
DEPRECIATION	1,105	970
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,369	2,946
TAXATION	1,122	1,637
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	1,698	2,368
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY UNIT	11.10p	11.70p
DIVIDENDS PER ORDINARY UNIT NET	4.455p	4.19p

"An expenditure of no less than £9 million in the last five years indicates the importance we attach and the priority given in keeping our plant in a state of modernity without which we should neither remain competitive nor able to maintain employment. Subject to earnings being adequate, we shall not be deflected from the pursuance of this policy."

SAMPSON GOLDSTONE C.B.E. J.P.
CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

A copy of the Report & Accounts for the year to March 31st 1975 can be obtained from the Secretary Ward & Goldstone Limited Salford M6 6AP.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Aurora at peak despite second-half fall

After a second half fall in pre-tax profits from £924,000 to £779,000, Aurora Holdings, the Sheffield-based engineering group has finished the year to June 30 with a record profit of £1.38m—*a rise of 9 per cent.*

At the attributable level there is a fall in profits from £599,000 to £509,000, although the dividend is raised from 1p to 1.18p: Turnover expanded from £12.3m to £15.4m. Earnings a share come out at 2.79p, against 3.31p.

In spite of *the country's* economic problems, all group divisions traded profitably. At the same time the Group's cash position has been strengthened by the recent rights issue, the sale of some trade investments, and the sale of the steel stockholding subsidiaries.

The board also proposes a share consilidation scheme.

U S bid for rest of Walmsley (Bury)

The Beloit Corporation of the United States *is making* an agreed offer for the Walmsley (Bury) Group. At present, Beloit owns all the 1.8m "A" ordinary shares and 1.05m of the 3.75m ordinary shares. The terms are 60p each cash for every ordinary shares and 62p cash for each preference share. *The offer* is worth about £1.73m.

Walmsley's board supports it and is accepting for its own holdings. In the first half of 1974-75 there was a big fall in profits and the interim dividend was passed. No ordinary payment will be recommended for *the year. Walmsley make* machinery for the manufacture and processing of pulp, papar and paper-board.

The shares of Walmsley almost doubled yesterday, rising by 27½p to 54½p.

First-half tumble at Provincial Insurance

For the half-year to June 30, Provincial Insurance estimates that pre-tax profits slumped from £2.86m to £519,000. Although net written premiums (fire, accident, marine and aviation) rose from £18.04m to £20.54m, the underwriting results showed a loss of £911,000, compared with a profit of £1.59m in the first half of 1974. Investment income was up, but so, too, was interest payable, while expenses not charged to other accounts were more than doubled. An interim dividend of 7.36p gross is being paid, compared with 7.14p gross last time.

Turriff buoyant

Engineers and contractors Turriff Corporation show increased pre-tax profit of £276,000 for the six months to June 30, against £175,000. The "net" is £125,000 (against £84,000). Turnover advanced *from £9.74m to £14m.* Mr Charles Turriff looks to full-time results confirming previous predictions of a good year's trading. *Its cash position* is satisfactory, as are prospects for a substantial work load.

Heron Corporation

Progressively more involved in trading activities since 1966, Heron Corporation reports pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 of £4.01m against £3.85m, but after tax, £1.55m compared with £2.04m.

Profit before interest charges *increased 25 per cent to* £9.6m, and net assets from £30.6m to £33m. A strong cash position is being maintained and, as at March 31, the company had £11.7m of liquid funds and £28.3m of unused banking facilities.

Kamunting Tin pays more

In the 12 months to March 31, pre-tax profits of Kamunting Tin Dredging rose from £711,000 to £870,000. The total payment is being *lifted from 8.84p gross* to 10.68p gross, consent being received from the Treasury on recovery grounds. London-based Kamunting's main activity is the dredging of tin concentrate in Malaysia and Thailand.

Alfred Clough

On turnover up by 31 per cent to £3.44m, pre-tax profits of Alfred Clough Ltd expanded by 41 per cent to £153,400 in the half-year to June 22. Turnover included export sales of £1.65m (a rise of 16 per cent).

The 1975 profit includes £85,000, being claims for additional costs incurred and for *loss of profits.* The 1974 profit includes £49,500, being amounts receivable for consequential loss of profits claim. Mr E. Marley, chairman of this group of earthenware manufacturers, reports that some short-time working may continue spasmodically over the next few months. But Clough is receiving "excellent" orders from new hard-currency export customers.

The interim payment is being raised from 2.5p gross to 3p gross.

Rolinco NV

Rolinco NV is to pay 2.50 fl per share for the financial year *1974-75 as early as October 15* next. This signifies a rise of 25 per cent over last year's 2.00 fl per share. As last year, the distribution will be charged to the share premium reserve and it will, therefore, be tax-free in the Netherlands. Consequently, no dividend tax will be withheld. In the Netherlands the opportunity to effect a tax-free cash distribution charged to the share premium reserve exists when the fiscal assets of the company amount to less than the capital paid in; the situation as it is on the date of *payment being the determining* factor.

Gough Brothers

Gough Brothers, the independent wine group, in its interim statement for the six months to August 2, 1975, reports pre-tax profits increased from £104,087 to £123,411 on turnover up from £3,468,185 to £4,372,361.

Mr R. C. Gough, chairman, said: "These results were achieved in far from easy conditions." The interim payment is being raised from 1.4p gross to 1.5p gross.

Briefly

TRIZEC CORPORATION
In nine months to July 31, gross revenue of Trizec (subsidiary of English Property Corp) rose from $Can101.73m to $Can124.19m. Pre-tax operating profits, $Can13.05m ($Can12.23m).

CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING
Pretax profit of $Can10.82m *($Can11.81m) for year to June 30.* Dividend 25c (20c). Stock dividend one-for-five.

BESTOBEL IN NORTH SEA
Company plans to make acquisitions of established supply concerns, preferably based in Aberdeen area, in expansion into North Sea oil industry. Company makes wide range of valves, pipeline fittings and level controls, besides activities in insulating contracting, acoustic insulation and paints and chemicals.

HARRY VINCENT
Current sales ahead of same period, while exports continue to show strength. Ways of expansion being sought.

PETERS STORES
Company now trading in 70 stores and policy of steady expansion to be pursued. Chairman sees continued prosperity.

HALLMARK SECURITIES
Company is bidding £37 per £100 for the £48,000 5 per cent pref stock of Freehold and Leasehold Investment Co not already held.

MINTY
Interim dividend is up from 1.49p to 1.54p gross. Pre-tax profit for 26 weeks to August £30,659 (loss £37,726). Board is cautiously optimistic that higher profits will be maintained.

MALTON INVESTMENT TRUST
Gross income for six months to end-August fell from £121,000 to £106,000. Earnings a share were 4.8p (4.53p). *Net asset value per* share 335p (244p). The interim dividend is 4.62p gross (3p).

CENTRAL & SHEERWOOD TRUST
Mr F. Singer, chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year's profits are likely to exceed 1974's. Resolution passed to change name to "Central & Sheerwood".

NEW OUTLET FOR RONEO
For £1.5m, Roneo Vickers has acquired division of Facit-Addo Incorporation, subsidiary of Electrolux, which markets Roneo Vickers machines in US. This gives company its own sales and distribution network throughout America.

ELBIEF SALES UP
Elbief at present showing an increase over last year, but costs still rising.

BRADY'S NEW HOLDING
Creation of separate holding company, Brady Industries, announced by G. Brady Co. Manufacturing and marketing functions will continue to operate at existing location under established name of G. Brady.

DAVID BURMA MINES
David Investments (Jersey) has increased its beneficial holding in Burma Mines from 1.46m shares to 1.72m (12.72 per cent).

R. & J. PULLMAN
Stock Exchange has granted a listing to R. & J. Pullman for 97,000 ordinary, being a further instalment for acquisition of Michael De Leon.

JAMES WARREN
There is no interim dividend (5.2p). The pre-tax loss was £422,000 (profit £229,000). But management accounts for four months to July show pre-tax profit of £225,000 (£422,000 loss for first six months).

ALVA INVESTMENT TRUST
Company's interim dividend for first half to end-August was 3.2p (2.75p). Gross income was £73,669 (£69,792). Gross revenue before tax £68,248 (£65,154).

BEAUFORD GROUP
Interim dividend is 1.346p (1.306p). Turnover for half-year to June was £2,422,810 (£1,346,284). Profit was £77,086 (£17,304) after all charges including tax of £86,000 (£18,700). Earnings a share 2.4p (0.53p). Board states that orders remain satisfactory.

JACKSONS BOURNE END
Group has agreed to buy business and some assets of EAC Shoe Components, a subsidiary of E. A. Chamberlain (Holdings) for a total of £65,000.

LINCOLN CORN EXCHANGE
Offer of £10 cash will be made for each share by Cosim, a subsidiary of Lincoln Co-Operative Society and Simons of Lincoln. Apart from directors associated with Cosim, board recommends acceptance.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¾ 1981	101	101¾
Airlease 8¾ 1988	78	87
Ashland 8 1987	83¾	84¾
BICC 7½ 1987	66	69
Bristol 8¼ 1979	90	92
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	78	87
Burlington 7¾ 1987	82½	83½
Carrier 8 1987	85	84
Chevron 7 1980	95½	97
Conoco 7 1980	95½	97
Conoco 8 1986	92	93
Cons Food 7½ 1991	79½	80¾
Coventry 8¾ 1981	90	92
Coventry 8¼ 1980	86½	88½
Curacao Tokyo 8½ 1988	86½	87½
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981	100	101
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	85¼	86¼
Dana 8 1987	84¼	85¼
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	79	80
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	78	79
Dundee 9¼ 1983	90	93
Escom 9¾ 1989	87½	89½
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980	91½	92½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	81	85
GATX 8¼ 1987	83	85
Guardian Royal 8 1987	73	75
Hambros 7¾ 1987	71	74
ICI 7½ 1992	77	80
International Util 8¼ 1982	90	91
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	67	70
Manchester 8¼ 1981	86	88
Mexico 8¾ 1991	79	82
Michelin 7½ 1988	80	81
Mitsubishi 9 1989	94	96
Motorola 8 1987	88	89
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	70	73
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	78	81
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	99½	101
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	96½	97½
Occidental 7½ 1984	83	84
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	83	84
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100	101
Pennwalt 8 1987	86	87
Ralston Purina 7¼ 1987	86	87
Scanraff 7½ 1990	84¼	85¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	93	94
Shell 7½ 1987	86¼	87¼
Singer 11 1977	101¾	102¾
Skandinaviska 10¾ 1981	101	102
Slough 8 1988	58	63
South Africa 8 1987	76	78
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	98¼	99¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	94¼	95¼
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	94½	98½
Sybron 8 1987	85¾	86¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	81	83
Textron 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	86	87
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95	96½
Union Oil 7½ 1987	86¾	87¾
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	94½	96
Volvo 8 1987	82½	83½
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	73	76
DM BONDS	**Bid**	**Offer**
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105½	106½
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/83	77½	78½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	85½	86½
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	99½	100½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73¾	75¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	87¾	88¾
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91	92
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	105	106
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	90	91
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104¾	105¾
Suedafrica (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	92½	93½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMF 5 1987	56	60
American Express 4¼ 1987	76½	78½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	81	85
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	96	98
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	89	91
Borden 5 1992	83	85
Borden 6¾ 1991	96	98
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	66½	68½
Carnation 4 1988	81	85
Chevron 5 1992	93½	95½
Cummins 6¾ 1986	80½	82½
Dart 4¾ 1987	74	76
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	106	108
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	66	68
Eaton 5 1987 1987	67	[illegible]
Ford 5 1988	70	73
Ford 6 1986	81	83
Gillette 4¾ 1987	65	67
Gould 5 1987	80	82
General Electric 4¼ 1987	79	81
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	115	117
Harris 5 1987	63	65
Honeywell 6 1986	71	73
ITT 4½ 1987	66½	68½
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	129	131
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	97	99
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	84	86
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	85	87
JC Penney 4¼ 1987	73	75
Revlon 4¾ 1987	91	93
Rank Org 4½ 1993	37	39
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	91	93
Squibb 4½ 1987	76	78
Texaco 4¾ 1988	69	71
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	97	99
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	81	83
Xerox Corp 5 1988	67	69

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(Incorporated in Canada)

Preliminary Profit Announcement

Audited Results for the Year to June 30, 1975
(All funds expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	1975	1974
Profit before Taxation	10,824,111	11,815,460
Taxation	1,386,130	2,370,978
Profit after Taxation	9,437,981	9,444,482
Less: Minority Interests	305,288	415,417
	9,132,693	9,029,065
Less: Exchange adjustments and loss on sale of investments	802,825	365,427
	8,329,868	8,663,638
Common Dividend Provision	1,250,000	1,000,000
	$7,079,868	$7,663,638

The Directors yesterday declared a dividend on the Common Shares without nominal or par value for the year ended June 30, 1975 payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on November 21, 1975 at the rate of 25 cents (Canadian currency) per share compared with 20 cents per share for 1974.

The Directors also declared a stock dividend on the common shares of the company on the basis of one common share for each five held to Shareholders of Record on November 28, 1975. The issued and fully paid common share capital will thus be increased from 5 m. NPV shares to 6 m. NPV shares and to achieve this the Directors have transferred from retained earnings the sum of $6,944,735 *to the issued share capital account. Further details will* be circulated on or about November 17, 1975.

The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1975 together with the Notice of the Declaration of Dividend, the Notice of the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting and proxy form will be posted to Shareholders on or about November 7, 1975 with the usual Press advertisement for the formal dividend notice appearing on the same day.

Montreal, October 3, 1975.

STEINBERG GROUP LIMITED

Year ended March 31st 1975

- Group Profit before tax £628,733 (£825,083) – the first profit setback for seven years.
- Profits affected by inflation, slowing down in economy and losses in Norwich based companies – now stemmed
- Final dividend 0.537p per share making 0.857p per share for the year (0.8031p); maximum allowable.
- Sales and profits being maintained in current year but no forecast possible in present economic situation.

Extracted from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Jack Steinberg at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday October 2nd 1975.

INTERIM STATEMENT

Cadbury Schweppes LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

Results for the 24 weeks ended 21 June 1975

	24 WEEKS ENDED 21 JUNE 1975 £'000	24 WEEKS ENDED 15 JUNE 1974 £'000	53 WEEKS ENDED 4 JANUARY 1975 £'000
Group turnover:			
United Kingdom	164,107	126,741	317,569
Europe	28,401	19,604	45,174
Overseas	98,448	80,690	192,617
	290,956	227,035	555,360
Group trading profit:			
United Kingdom	10,410	8,436	21,670
Europe	668	1,305	3,397
Overseas	8,472	4,485	12,798
	19,550	14,226	37,865
Investment income	457	930	1,301
	20,007	15,156	39,166
Interest payable	6,056	3,068	9,542
Group profit	13,951	12,088	29,624
Share of associated companies' profits less losses	180	(406)	(1,165)
Group profit before taxation	14,131	11,682	28,459
Taxation	8,328	6,245	13,732
	5,803	5,437	14,727
Profit attributable to minority interests	742	429	1,004
	5,061	5,008	13,723
Extraordinary items	—	(83)	(4,500)
Profit attributable to Cadbury Schweppes Limited	5,061	4,925	9,223
Interim Dividend on Ordinary Stock	2,403	1,923	1,923
Final Dividend on Ordinary Stock and Preference Dividends	—	—	4 843
	2,658	3,002	2,457

NOTE Overseas currencies are converted at middle market rates at 21 June 1975.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 2.625% on the Ordinary Stock which is at the same rate as the Interim Dividend declared last year. The Dividend will be paid on 1 January 1976 to stockholders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 4 December 1975.

Statement by Mr. Adrian Cadbury, Chairman

In line with my statement in the Annual Report for 1974 the unaudited results for the first half year show pre-tax profits up 21% on the first half of 1974. Sales at £291m for the first half year were up 28%.

In the UK the Tea and Foods and Confectionery Groups have maintained progress, while the Drinks Group has done well in the first half despite the severe Budget measures which affected the licensed section of the market. Overseas, Cadbury Schweppes Australia has returned to its pre-1974 level of profitability and made a material contribution to these results, as did our businesses in North America and Africa. In Europe, Schweppes Germany continues to make excellent progress but there has been an offset to our profit through trading difficulties in our Spanish and Italian operations outside soft drinks. We are currently re-organizing these activities in order to place our main emphasis in Spain and Italy on the Schweppes businesses which continue to develop successfully in these countries.

The significantly higher interest charges are not out of line with our expectations following expenditure on the new factories at Tullamarine in Australia, Whitby in Canada and Hazleton in the USA, which are now in production. This has resulted in additional planned borrowings and simultaneously we have had to finance increased working capital requirements. At the half year our worldwide net borrowings amounted to £89.2m against £87.8m at the end of 1974, after taking account of the Rights Issue through which we obtained £24.9m net at the end of May. The success of this issue was a great encouragement to your Board and will enable additional investment to be undertaken in the UK.

On the basis of the figures so far your Board is confident that the profits for 1975 as a whole will show an improvement over those for 1974, but the last quarter of the year is the most important from the point of view of earnings and cash flow.

Adrian Cadbury.

2 October 1975

Copies of the above Statement will be sent to all stockholders and further copies are available from the Secretary, Cadbury Schweppes Limited, 1-10, Connaught Place, London, W2 2EX.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Issues & Loans

Solvay raises private loan

Solvay et Cie SA said in Brussels it is raising 600m francs through a loan which is being privately placed with Belgian institutions.

The loan gives investors the option to choose at the outset whether to invest for 10 or 15 years. The coupon is 9½ per cent regardless of which maturity is chosen.

In New York lead underwriter Morgan Stanley & Co said the 12m share common stock offering by American Telephone & Telegraph Co is oversubscribed. The order books have been closed, and all trading restrictions on the new shares—offered at $45 a share—have been terminated.

Nippon Sheet Glass Co plans to offer 12m shares of its common at a price higher than its par value of 50 yen with payment due on November 30. Nippon Sheet's capital will be raised to 7,085m yen from the present 6,485m yen as a result of the offer.—Reuter, AP-DJ.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster ..	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
William & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000, 7¾%.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling and the dollar both lost early ground in foreign exchange dealings yesterday, but both showed a limited recovery in late trading.

Trading in sterling remained unsettled by rumoured currency diversification by oil exporting countries.

The pound closed at $2.0395 against the dollar, down a net 15 points, after recovering from an all time "low" of $2.0250 initially.

Kuwait dismissed as mere speculation London reports it is transferring holdings out of sterling into other currencies more quickly than usual.

The Bank of England sterling depreciation rate closed at 29.4 per cent unchanged on the previous overnight level, after hitting a record 29.7 initially.

London money market interest rates were erratic, amid suggestions that the Bank of England may be forced to raise its minimum lending rate from the present 11 per cent to protect sterling.

Gold rose 25 cents an ounce, to close in London at $143.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 2	Market rates (close) October 2
New York	$2.0250-0425	$2.0390-0400
Montreal	$2.0670-0850	$2.0580-0695
Amsterdam	5.45-51f	5.48-49f
Brussels	80.10-90f	80.40-60f
Copenhagen	12.43-48k	12.47-49k
Frankfurt	5.32-35m	5.33-34m
Lisbon	54.80-55.30e	54.95-55.15e
Madrid	120.30-21.40p	121.10-21.30p
Milan	1,385-96lr	1,392-93lr
Oslo	11.33-43k	11.45-46k
Paris	9.02-11f	9.06-07f
Stockholm	9.00-09k	9.07-08k
Tokyo	610-20y	616-18y
Vienna	37.50-37.90sch	37.70-90sch
Zurich	5.49-55f	5.51-53f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 unchanged at 29.4 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.70-.60c prem	1.80-1.70c prem
Montreal	.60-.40c prem	1.15-1.05c prem
Amsterdam	3½-2½c prem	10-9c prem
Brussels	10-20c prem	1.05-55c prem
Copenhagen	5-3ore prem	15-10ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	11-10pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-50c disc	55c disc-55c disc
Milan	1lr prem-3lr disc	par-3lr disc
Oslo	3-2ore prem	15-12ore prem
Paris	3½-1½c prem	9½-7½c prem
Stockholm	5-1ore prem	9-7ore prem
Vienna	25-10gro prem	50-40gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	10½-9½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 50.9755-58.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-6¾; seven days, 6¾-7; one month, 7-7¼; three months, 7½-7¾; six months, 7¾-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $143.50 (an ounce); pm, $143.50.

Krugerrand: (per coin) $150-152.50 (£73.50-74.50) (domestic) $148-150 (£72.50-73.50) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $41-44 (£21.00-22.50) (new), $44-45 (£21.50-22.00) (international).

Discount market

Discount houses had another comfortable session and the Bank of England siphoned away a small sum of selling Treasury bills to the banks and the houses.

In the early stages, some banks had asked for rates up to 10½ per cent for day-to-day money, reflecting a panicky upsurge in the periods as sterling plumbed new "lows" and swelled the fears that minimum lending rate would have to rise. But these fears subsided and conditions became calmer as the morning progressed.

Houses made their first moves around 9½ per cent but were taking their closing balances anywhere between 5 and 8 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11% (last changed 25/7/75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %: Overnight: Open 9¼ Close 6; Week Fixed: 10-9¾

Treasury Bills (Dis %): Buying 2 months 10¼; 3 months 10¼. Selling 2 months 10⅛; 3 months 10⅛.

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) / Trades (Dis %): 2 months 10¼-10⅛; 3 months 10½-10⅜; 4 months 10⅝-10½; 6 months 11½-10⅝; 3 months 11¼; 4 months 11½; 6 months 11¾.

Local Authority bonds: 1 month 10½-10¼; 2 months 11-10½; 3 months 11½-10¾; 4 months 11½-10¾; 5 months 11-10½; 6 months 11-10½; 7 months 11-10½; 8 months 11-10½; 9 months 11⅛-10¾; 10 months 11⅛-10¾; 11 months 11⅛-10¾; 12 months 11½-11.

Secondary Mkt. NCD Rates (%): 1 month 10⅛-10⅛; 3 months 10½-10¼; 6 months 10¾-10⅝; 12 months 11¼-11⅛.

Local Authority Market (%): 2 days 10¼-10⅛; 7 days 10¼; 1 month 10½; 3 months 10¾-10⅝; 6 months 11; 1 year 12.

Interbank Market (%): Overnight: Open 10 Close 6; 1 week 10¼; 1 month 10¼-10⅛; 3 months 10¾-10⅝; 6 months 11⅛-11; 9 months 11¼-11⅛; 12 months 11½-11¼.

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %): 3 months 11¼; 6 months 11½.

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Coventry 12½% 1980 (£99½)	[illegible]
York Wtr 9½% Pf 1980 (£10)	[illegible]

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend.

Burmah Action Group

The Burmah Shareholders Action Group is holding a meeting of shareholders at 6.15 pm on Tuesday at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, to report on progress and discuss prospects.

Commodities

COPPER.—Although wire bars showed gains early in the day, following confirmation of an increased rate on Zambian force majeure, these gave way under some pricing sales and profit taking and at the close cash wire bars were down £4 and the three month position had dropped £5. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £580-81 a metric ton; three months, £605-05.50. Sales, 5,225 tons. Cash cathodes, £568.50-70.00; three months, £591.50-93.00. Sales, 100 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £588-88.50; three months, £611.50-12.00. Settlement, £588.50. Sales, 6,925 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £575.50-76.00; three months, £598-98.50. Settlement, £576.00. Sales, 6,075 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER showed fractional gains.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 225.39 a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 454.8); three months, 229.6p (463.3c); six months, 237p (474.6c); one-year, 252p (498c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 230.5-31.0p; three months, 237.6-27.7p; seven months, 236.5-37.0p. Sales, 68 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, 223.7-223.9p; three months, 230.1-230.2p; seven months, 239.1-239.8p. Settlement, 223.9p. Sales, 41 lots.

TIN was slightly easier for standard cash, dropping by £2. The three months position put on £3.50.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,115-16 a metric ton; three months, £3,187-88. Sales, 220 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,113-15; three months, £3,187-88. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,115-20; three months, £3,187-95. Settlement, £3,120. Sales, 340 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,115-30; three months, £3,187-95. Settlement, £3,120. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM977.5 a picul.

LEAD was quiet and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £170.50-71.00 a metric ton; three months, £179.25-79.75. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £117-72; three months, £179.75-180. Settlement, £172. Sales 3,035 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was quiet, dropping £1.25 for cash and just over £2 for three months.—Afternoon.—Cash, £333.50-36.50 a metric ton; three months, £349-49.75. Sales, 825 tons. Morning.—Cash, £337.50-37.75; three months, £350.50-351. Settlement, £337.75. Sales, 6,175 tons (mainly carries). Producers' price, £350 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM dropped 30p to £74 ($151) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was barely steady.—Nov, 34.25-36.00p per kilo; Dec, 34.60-34.90p; Jan-March, 35.50-35.55p; April-June, 36.10-36.15p; July-Sept, 37.30-37.50p; Oct-Dec, 38.70-38.75p; Jan-March, 40.10-40.15p; April-June, 41.00-41.30p; July-Sept, 41.90-42.10p. Sales: 56 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 33.50-34.00. Cifs. Nov 30.80-30.90; Dec, 31.25-31.50.

COFFEE: Robusta futures were fully steady and closed showing gains of £5 for nearby November and £9.50 for January. Arabicas were quiet. ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £739-51 per metric ton; Jan, £730-32; March, £737.50-738; May, £741-42; July, £745.50-46.00; Sept, £750-51; Nov, £754-61.50. Sales: 1,232 lots including 7 options. ARABICAS.—Oct, $90-91 per 50 kilos; Dec, $89.50-89.70; Feb, $90.10-90.50; April, $90.50-91.30; June, $90.70-91.50; Aug, $91.00-91.75; Oct, $91.50-92.00. Sales: 4 lots.

COCOA futures retreated by £4 for nearby December and £4.25 for March.—Dec, £613-15 per metric ton; March, £600-600.50; May, £595-87; July, £581-84; Sept, £578-79; Dec, £575-79; March, £571.50-73.50. Sales: 1,004 lots. ICO prices: daily 51.55c; 15-day average, 55.04c; 22-day average, 52.66c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR (futures were fairly steady). The London daily prices were: "raws" £164 (up £4); "whites" £166 (down £1).—Dec, £164.60-64.75 per long ton; March, £162.80-62.95; May, £163.03-63.10; Aug, £161.00-61.50; Oct, £160.00-60.75; Dec, £158.00-60.25; March, £157.00-59.60. Sales 4,271 lots. ISA prices: 13.90c; 17-day average, 15.15c steady.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Oct, £86.50-88.10 per metric ton; Dec, £88.00-88.10; Feb, £89.10-89.50; April, £90.50-90.40; June, £91.20-91.50; Aug, £92.50-93.50; Oct, £95.10-95.50. Sales, 67 lots.

WOOL: Grease futures were steady.—Oct, 156-59p per kilo; Dec, 158-59p; March, 165-66p; May, 167-68p; July, £169.5-72.0p; Oct, 177-77.0p; Dec, 175.5-82.0p; March, 180.5-84.5p. Sales, 8 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct, £196 per long ton. "D" grade, Oct, £188. Calcutta was closed for a holiday.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Trans-shipment sorghum attracted some consumer interest but other sections of the imported grain market remained quiet. Price movements were marginal.

WHEAT: United States Dark Northern Spring No 2, 14 per cent, Nov, £105.50 direct Tilbury; Oct, £106.90; Nov, £108.15; Dec, £109.15 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Oct, £66.50; Nov, £68.25 east coast.

MAIZE: No 3 yellow American-French, Oct, £69; Nov, £69; Dec, £70 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY: EEC feed, Oct, £64; Nov, £67 east coast. All per long ton cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady: Nov, £63.85; Jan, £66.10; March, £67.65; May, £69.10; Sept, £64.60.

WHEAT was barely steady: Nov, £64.70; Jan, £66.85; March, £68.65; May, £70; Sept, £66.40.

MARK LANE: Business was mainly directed to New Year positions at steady rates but consumer participation was light. Jan-March deliveries of Hagberg milling wheat traded to the London area at £71 and to Liverpool at £71 per long ton while Liverpool also paid £74 for April-June.

Other business included Jan-March deliveries of denaturable wheat into East Anglia at £68.50 and April-June at £70.50 per long ton. The following are average sellers quotations per long ton for delivery London area unless stated: wheat, Hagberg, Oct, £67.50; Dec, £68. Denaturable Oct, £65; Nov, £63.50 East Anglia. Barley feed, Dec, £65.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Wiltshire	£63.70	£65.10	£61.00
S Lincoln	£65.70	£61.05	£59.80

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 2.—UK: Cattle, £19.14 per live cwt (—0.16). Sheep, 31.1p per lb edcw (+0.5). Pigs, £4.93 per score (—0.04). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 9.4 per cent, average price £18.83 (no change). Sheep numbers down 5.8 per cent, average price 31.6p (+0.3). Pig numbers down 8.2 per cent, average price £4.93 (—0.04). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 12 per cent, average price £18.35 (—0.21). Sheep numbers up 8.2 per cent, average price 39.8p (—0.8). Pigs, nil.

Ashbourne improves liquidity

Again declaring no dividend, Ashbourne Investments turns in a pre-tax profit for the year to April 30 of £170,000 against a loss of £52,000. But after extraordinary items of £683,000 (compared with £483,000) there is a loss for the year of £581,000, against one of £637,000. The items include loss on investments (realized) of £226,000 (nil), and, unrealized, £397,000 (£366,000). The board says there has been a considerable increase in liquidity, further strengthened since the balance-sheet date by sale of the holding in Argentine Southern Land, realizing about £600,000. Dividends are expected to be resumed in the current year to April 30, 1976.

ANGLO-SWISS HOLDINGS

Turnover of Anglo-Swiss Holdings for half year to June fell from £1.77m to £1.45m. Tax profit fell from £301,000 to £53,000. There is no interim dividend (1.492p gross). Forecast of loss in second quarter has proved correct with no sign of improvement.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 2.—Investors, encouraged by the latest monthly United States wholesale price index, pushed prices higher on the New York Stock Exchange. At mid-session the Dow Jones industrial average had gained about five points while advances topped declines by around 50 issues.

Yesterday the average sank 9.72 points to 784.16. It had plummeted a total of 24.72 points in the past two sessions.

Volume totalled 14,070,000 shares compared with 12,520,000 on Tuesday. Losing issues outnumbered gainers by about 1,020 to 330.

Brokers said selling was prompted by increasing indications that interest rates will continue to rise and hurt the recovery from a recession.

The Dow Jones industrial average closing yesterday was its lowest since April 10, this year when it finished at 781.29 and a new low for the slide that began in mid-July.

Silver gains 7.9 cents

New York, Oct 1.—SILVER futures were very steady most of the day, closing 7.60 to 7.90 cents higher on speculative demand generated by the unprecedented fall in sterling and firmness in gold.—Oct, 455.30c; Nov, 456.60c; Dec, 460.20c; Jan, 464.50c; March, 472.80c; May, 481.30c; July, 489.30c; Sept, 497.30c; Dec, 509.50c; Jan, 513.40c. Handy and Harman $452 (previous $450).

GOLD.—Futures closed firmer in moderate trading, although profit taking late in the day clipped early gains. The New York Comex finished $1.90 to $2.20 higher, after opening with gains of up to $3.60, and the Chicago IMM finished $2.10 higher across the board. NY COMEX.—Oct, $143.70; Nov, $143.40; Dec, $144.20; Feb, $146.60; April, $148.80; June, $151.10; Aug, $153.40; Oct, $155.70; Dec, $158.00; Feb, $160.30. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $144.20-144.10; March, $147.80-147.30; June, $151.20-151.50 bid; Sept, $155.20 bid; Dec, $159.00.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady, up 10 points on 1,080 lots. Oct, 55.60c; Nov, 56.10c; Dec, 56.60c; Jan, 57.20c; March, 58.40c; May, 59.60c; July, 60.80c; Sept, 62.00c.

SUGAR.—World sugar futures in No 11 contract closed firm at 0.66c to 0.67c higher. Oct, expired. Jan, 14.48c nominal; March, 14.56-45c; May, 14.24-30c; July, 14.25c; Sept, 14.07c; Oct, 14.10-20c; March, 13.75-80c. Spot, 14.20c, off 0.

COTTON.—Futures continued to work upward under good support from locals and commission houses, to finish only slightly off the highs, at advances of about 0.65c to 0.38c. Oct, 65.00-40c; Dec, 67.72-78c; March, 67.70c; May, 69.10-35c; July, 69.30-35c; Oct, 68.60-60c; Dec, 68.35-50c; March, 68.35-40c.

COCOA.—Futures closed barely steady on sales of 692 lots. Dec, 56.12c; March, 52.72c; May, 50.96c; July, 50.25c; Sept, 49.65c; Dec, 49.15c. Spots, Ghana unquoted, Bahia 66c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract finished a lacklustre session at 0.35-cent lower to 0.15-cent higher. Nov, 79.90c; Dec, 80.85c; March, 80.50-81.00c; May, 81.20-50c; July, 81.60-82.40c; Sept, 82.45c nominal.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil rose 0.35 to 0.69 cent a lb and Meal $1.00 to $0.20 with firm Beans, corn. SOYABEANS, Nov, 572¼-71½c; Jan, 582¼-81¼c; March, 591¼c; May, 599-98c; July, 602¼c; Aug, 602c; Sept, 595¼c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New). March, $149.00-150.00; May, $155.00; July, $158.00-9.00; Aug, $159.00-160.00. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct, $141.50-1.70; Dec, $144.80-4.60; Jan, $147.30-7.40; March, $151.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Oct, 23.20c; Dec, 22.65-60c; Jan, 22.35c; March, 22.25c; May, 22.10-03c; July, 21.95c; Aug, 21.80c; Sept, 21.40-50c.

WOOL.—Fine Wool and Crossbred futures remained unsold today. Closing bids for Wool were unchanged to 0.20 cent down, and Crossbreds unchanged across the board. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 152.0c nominal. Oct, 140.0c bid; Dec, 140.0c bid; March, 130.0-7.0c; May, 140.0-7.0c; July, 139.0-43.0c; Oct, 136.0c bid; Dec, 133.0c bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 81.0c nominal. Oct, 80.0-90.0c; Dec, 77.0-86.0c; March, 75.0-81.0c; May, 73.0-82.0c; July, 74.0-80.0c; Oct, 71.0c bid; Dec, 68.0c bid.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed steady unchanged to ½ cent lower. Dec, 429-430c; March, 445¼-446c; May, 446½c; July, 431½c; Sept, 456¼c. MAIZE closed firm, 3¼ to 2¼ cents higher. Dec, 306-307c; March, 315¾-315½c; May, 317¼c; July, 316¼c; Sept, 303½c. OATS closed steady 1¼ cents higher to unchanged. Dec, 153-161¾c; March, 164¼c; May, 163¾c; July, 162¼c nominal.

	Oct 1	Sept 30
Allied Chem.	30¼	31¼
Allied Stores	36⅝	40
Allied Supermkt.	[illegible]	3¼
Allis Chalmers	9⅜	9⅝
Alcoa	33⅝	37¼
Amax Inc	45¼	45¾
Amerada Hess	16¼	17
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	36¾	36¾
Am. Broadcast	17¼	17⅝
Am. Can.	29⅛	29⅝
Am. Cyan.	23⅝	23¾
Am. El. Power	19	19¼
Am. Home	31⅛	31⅝
Am. Motors	5⅜	5⅝
Am. Nat. Gas	32⅝	33¾
Am. Standard	11⅞	11⅞
Am. Tel.	46	46½
Amf. Inc.	16¼	16⅝
Anaconda	13¾	13½
Armco Steel	27¼	28
Asarco	14¼	14¼
Ashland Oil	19	19¼
Atl. Richfield	98⅞	98¼
Avco	6⅞	6⅞
Avon Prod.	34¾	36
Babcock & Wcox	17⅝	17⅞
Bankers Tst NY	37⅝	37⅞
Bank of Am.	37¾	37¾
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Best Fds.	19¼	19¾
Bell & Howell	17¼	17¾
Bendix	40⅞	40⅞
Beth. Steel	34	35
Boeing	19⅞	20⅛
Boise Cascade	21	21½
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	17¾	17
Bristol Myers	60¼	58⅞
BP	11¼	11¼
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	22¾	22¾
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	85¾	86½
Campbell Soup	33⅞	33⅞
Canadian Pac.	12	13⅛
Caterpillar	65¾	65¾
Celanese	38¼	39
Central Soya	12⅞	12⅞
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	21
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32
Chrysler	10¼	10⅛
Citicorp	25¾	26⅛
Cities Serv.	42⅛	42¾
Clark Equip	28⅝	28⅞
Coca Cola	70	70¼
Colgate	25	25¼
C.B.S.	45	45¼
Columbia Gas	24¼	24¼
Comb Eng	44	44⅞
Comw. Edison	25⅛	25⅜
Con. Edison	12	12½
Cons Foods	16	16⅞
Cons Power	16⅛	17
Cont. Can.	24⅛	24¼
Cont. Oil	57⅛	56¾
Control Data	16⅝	17⅞
Corning Glass	36	37⅛
C.P.C. Intnl.	38⅝	39
Crane	42	42⅝
Crocker Int	20¼	20¼
Crown Zeller	35	35⅞
Dart Ind.	24⅛	24¾
Deere	43½	43¾
Del Monte	24¼	24⅝
Delta Air	29⅛	29⅛
Detroit Edison	12	12⅛
Disney	42⅛	44⅛
Dow Chem.	82⅛	84¼
Dresser Ind.	64⅛	64⅞
Duke Power	16	16¼
Du Pont	106⅛	107⅛
Eastern Air	4¼	4½
East. Kodak	89⅝	90⅝
Eaton Corp.	29¼	29⅝
El Paso G.	11⅛	11⅛
Equitable Life	19	19⅛
Esmark	30⅛p	33⅝
Evans P. D.	4⅝	4½
Exxon Corp	86⅛	87⅞
Fed. D. Strs.	47⅛	47¼
Firestone	19⅝	19⅜
Fst. Chicago	17⅛	17⅛
Fst. Nt. Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	14½	14⅝
Ford	35⅞	38⅛
G.A.F. Corp.	9⅛	10
Gamble Skogmo	21	20½
Gen. Dynam.	44½	43½
Gen. Electric	42⅞	44
Gen Foods	25⅛	25⅛
Gen. Instr.	9⅛	9⅛
Gen. Mills	49¾	51⅛
Gen. Motors	49⅛	50
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	14⅝	14⅞
Gen. Tel. El.	23⅛	23⅛
Gen. Tire	15⅛	15¾
Genesco	4⅝	4⅞
Georgia Pac	40	40
Getty Oil	179½	180⅞
Gillette	26⅛	26¼
Goodrich	16⅞	16
Goodyear	19¼	19
Gould Inc.	20⅛	20⅛
Grace	24⅝	24⅝
Grant W.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt. Atl. & Pac.	10⅞	10⅜
Greyhound	13⅜	13⅝
Grumman Corp.	13⅛	14
Gulf Oil	20⅛	20¼
Gulf Wn. Ind.	19¾	19⅞
Heinz, H. J	42⅝	42⅜
Hercules	24⅛	24⅞
Honeywell	26⅝	26¾
Ic Ind.	21⅛	21⅝
Ingersoll	64⅝	65¼
Inland Steel	40	40
I.B.M.	185⅞	188⅛
Int. Harv.	22⅛	23⅛
Int. Nickel	25⅛	25¼
Int. Paper	50⅞	52⅛
Int. Tel. Tel.	19⅛	19⅛
Jewel Co	17⅞	17⅝
Jim Walter	28¼	28⅞
Johns-Manv.	19	19⅝
Johnson & John	79¼	80⅛
Kaiser Alum.	25	25⅝
Kennecott	30⅞	30⅞
Kerr McGee	68⅝	69¼
Kimb. Clk.	30⅞	30⅞
Kraftco Co.	43	44
Kresge S.S.	30⅞	30⅞
Kroger	17⅝	17⅝
Ling. Myer	13¼	13¼
L.T.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	6⅞	7
Lockheed	[illegible]	6⅛
Lucky Stores	14⅞	14⅞
Manuf Hanover	28⅞	28⅜
Mapco	45⅛	45⅞
Marathon Oil	43	44
Marcor Inc.	16⅛	16⅞
Marine Mid.	14⅛	14⅝
Martin Mar.	24	24½
McDonnell	13⅛	14⅛
Mead	16	16¼
Merck	69⅝	69⅝
Minn. Min.	51	51¾
Mobil Oil	44	44⅜
Monsanto	66⅛	67
Morgan, J. P.	45⅛	45¾
Motorola	35⅝	35¾
NCR Corp	24⅛	24¾
NL Ind	13⅝	13⅝
Nat. Bisc.	34	34⅝
Nat. Distill.	15	15⅛
Nat. Steel	36⅛	38
Norfolk West	62⅛	62¾
NW Bancor	35	35
Norton Simon	13⅛	14¾
Occ. Pet.	11	11⅛
Ogden	13⅝	13¾
Olin Corp.	16⅛	16¾
Otis Elev.	31	30⅛
Owens Ill	42⅛	42¾
Pac. Gas. El.	19⅝	19¾
Pan. Am.	4	4
Penn. Cent	1¼	1½
Penney J. C	42⅛	43⅛
Pennzoil	19¼	19⅝
Pepsico	57⅜	58
Pet Corp	28⅛	28⅝
Pfizer	25⅜	25⅝
Phelps Dod.	33⅛	34⅛
Philip Mor.	45⅛	46⅝
Phill. Pet.	53⅛	53⅞
Polaroid	27⅛	27⅝
P.P.G. Ind.	25⅛	25¼
Proc. Gamble	82⅝	83¼
Pub.Ser.El&Gas	15⅛	16⅛
Pullman	30⅛	31⅛
Rapid American	5⅛	5⅜
Raytheon	49⅛	49⅞
RCA Corp	15⅜	15⅜
Repub. Steel	25⅜	25⅝
Reynolds Ind.	55⅜	56⅜
Reynolds Metal	28⅞	28⅝
Rockwell Int	21⅛	21⅝
Royal Dutch	31⅛	31⅛
Safeways	42⅝	43⅛
St. Regis	30⅛	30⅝
Santa Fe Ind	30⅛	30⅜
SCM	18⅛	18⅝
Schlumbgr.	80¾	81⅝
Scott. Paper	15¾	16
Seaboard Coast	28¼	28⅝
Seagram	26⅛	27
Sears Roe.	62⅛	62⅝
Shell Oil	48⅛	48⅝
Shell Trans.	31⅛	31⅜
Signal Co	17¼	17⅝
Singer	11⅝	11⅝
Sony	5⅞	6
Sth Cal Edison	19⅞	20
Southern Pac.	30¼	30⅛
Southern Rly.	48⅝	48⅝
Sperry Rand	36⅛	36⅛
Squibb	35⅝	35⅝
Std. Brands	59⅛	59⅝
Std. Oil Cal.	26⅛	26⅜
Std. Oil Ind.	41⅜	42¼
Std. Oil Ohio	57⅝	58⅜
Sterling Drug	15⅝	16
Stevens J.P.	13⅞	13⅞
Stude Worth	36⅝	36⅝
Sunbeam Cp.	12⅞	12⅞
Sundstrand	26⅛	26⅞
Sun Oil	37⅛	37⅛
Teledyne	36⅝	36⅛
Tenneco	22⅞	23⅛
Texaco	23⅛	23⅛
Texas East Trans	32⅝	33⅛
Texas Inst	80½	81⅛
Texas Utilities	18⅛	18⅛
Textron	21⅝	21⅛
T.W.A.	4	4¼
Travelers Cp.	25⅛	25⅛
T.R.W. Inc.	23⅛	23⅜
U.A.L. Inc	19	19⅛
Unilever Ltd.	27⅛	27⅛
Unilever N.V.	36⅛	38⅝
Unioamerica	5⅝	5⅝
Union Bancorp	6⅞	6⅞
Union Carb.	55⅜	56⅜
Un. Oil Cal.	27⅛	27
Un. Pacific Corp.	68⅛	69⅝
Uniroyal	6⅝	6⅝
United Brands	5	5¼
Utd Merch & Man	12⅝	12⅞
U.S. Industries	6¾	6⅝
U.S. Steel	56⅛	58⅛
Utd Technol	44⅛	45⅝
Wachovia	15⅜	15⅜
Warner Comm	16⅝	16⅝
Warner Lambert	31	31⅞
Wells Fargo	14⅛	14⅛
West'n Bancorp	18¼	18⅜
Westgh. El.	11⅞	11⅞
Weyerhaeuser	34⅜	35⅞
Whirlpool	18⅞	19⅛
White Motor	4⅛	4⅝
Woolworth	14⅛	14⅝
Xerox Cp.	54⅜	56⅝
Zenith	24⅛	24¾

Canadian Prices

	Oct 1	Sept 30
Abitibi	9⅛	9⅛
Alcan	24⅛	24⅛
Alg. Steel	18⅞	19
Asbestos	26⅝	26⅝
Bell Tel.	41⅛	41⅞
Can. Sup. Oil	56	58
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.84	4.86
Cominco	24⅛	24⅛
Cons. Bat.	5⅛	5⅛
Falconbridge	32	32½
Gulf Oil	23⅛	23⅛
Hawker Can.	6.30	6.20
Hud. Bay Min	13⅜	13⅛
Hud. Bay Oil	37⅛	38
I.A.C. Ltd.	15⅛	15⅛
Imasco	24⅛	24⅛
Imp. Oil	18⅞	19⅛
Int. Pipe	12⅝	12⅝
Mass.-Ferguson	22⅞	23⅜
Power Cp.	6⅞	7
Price Bros.	15⅝	15⅝
Royal Trust	14⅛	14⅛
Seagram	30⅞	31
Steel Co.	26⅝	26⅝
Tex. Can.	29⅝	29⅝
Trans. Mnt. Oil	8⅞	9
Walker H.	33⅛	33⅞
W.C.T.	11⅛	11⅛

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0410 ($2.0430); three months, $2.0225 ($2.0262); Canadian dollar, 97.38c (97.54c).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 784.16 (793.88); transportation, 151.62 (155.97); utilities, 76.20 (76.79); 65 stocks, 239.14 (241.61). New York Stock Exchange index, 44.83 (44.84); industrials, 49.57 (49.94); transportation, 34.01 (29.36); utilities, 30.64 (30.63); financial, 41.64 (42.17).

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1974-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	29	Armitage & Rhodes	29	−1	3.0	10.4	3.3
98	94	Deborah Services	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
128	90	Henry Sykes	128	—	4.9	3.9	8.5
61	18	Twinlock Ord	18	−1	0.9	5.1	4.4
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	66	—	12.0	18.2	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	62	—	4.5	7.3	12.0

NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION, LIMITED

Record results in 1974/75

Summary of results	1975 £000	1974 £000	1973 £000
Power Sales	1,102	941	802
Profit after Depreciation Taxation and Minority Interest	295	222	172
Cost of Dividends	82	75	88
Dividend Rates:			
On Issued Capital	*11.8p	*10.5p	*10p
On Capital Employed	2.6p	2.5p	2.6p
Units Sold (millions)	120.2	107.2	103.5

* Inclusive of associated tax credit.

The Annual General Meeting of Nigerian Electricity Supply Corporation, Limited, was held on October 1st in London. The following are extracts from the circulated statement by the Chairman, Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E.:—

Power consumption in our Concession Area rose during the year under review by 12.1 per cent and the highest maximum demand recorded was 23.9 MW compared with 19.6 MW in 1973/74.

Rainfall during the year returned to normal but we were obliged to make even greater use of the diesel generators at Bukuru to satisfy the increased demand on the system. In this respect the *National Electric Power Authority* (N.E.P.A.) has now recognised the effect of inflated fuel prices on our generation costs and agreed to pay the diesel fuel surcharge as from 1st November, 1974. The combined effect of the first full year following an increase in tariffs in October, 1973, and the payment by N.E.P.A. of the fuel surcharge has, however, offset the increase in operating costs. But the main element of cost escalation—wages—made its impact in the second half of the year when, in February, it was necessary to concede a substantial increase in pay to all levels of staff back-dated to 1st October, 1974. This was the immediate result of the report by the Udoji Public Service Review Commission.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

Profit from the Sale of Current was £438,151, an increase of 23.2 per cent over the previous year. As in 1973/74 two interim dividends were paid, absorbing £82,259 leaving a balance of £212,905 which has been added to Reserve.

The amount of £552,251, shown in the balance sheet, as due to the Parent Company from the Nigerian Subsidiary includes unremitted dividends amounting to £321,067 and, since the year-end, £165,333 has been received in the United Kingdom. It is still uncertain when the balance will be remitted although there has been an improvement in the remittance position generally. Notwithstanding this improvement several months still elapse between the payment of orders on shipment of materials, whether on capital account or for routine supplies, and the subsequent repatriation of such expenditure to the United Kingdom.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The rural electrification scheme for towns and villages to which I have referred in recent years has at last got under way: transmission line routes are being surveyed in detail and orders for certain materials have been placed on behalf of N.E.P.A. In the new five-year National Development Plan, published in April, 1975, extensive proposals to develop rural electrification schemes throughout the twelve States were announced. Your Board are considering the implications of these plans with a view to offering assistance of mutual benefit wherever this may be required.

Shortly after the year-end I visited Nigeria and inspected our installations thoroughly to find them as I have so often reported in first class order. As elsewhere the cost of maintenance continues to rise at an alarming rate, aggravated as I have indicated, by the unprecedented burden of labour costs. I had useful discussions with many of our mining consumers as also with the State Military Governor and some of his officials.

CURRENT YEAR

The returns for the current year are similar to last year's despite the increase in units sold of 9.2 per cent. The reason for this is that the full effect of the increased cost of labour, as a direct consequence of the "Udoji" Award, is beginning to bite. This, together with the ever mounting cost of local and imported materials, makes it almost certain that the results for the current year are unlikely to match the excellent record now presented to you.

At the meeting Sir Miles confirmed that the company's operations had continued without let or hindrance following the succession by Brigadier Murtala Muhammed as the new Head of the Military Government. Sir Miles expressed his confidence in the new regime and in wishing it well looked forward to a continuing improvement in the Nigerian economy.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	82.0	87.0	4.56
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
38.4	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	37.1	39.2	4.59
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
52.4	32.4	Income (3)	49.0	51.6	7.02
125.0	65.8	Do Accum (3)	121.0	127.2	7.02
101.5	52.8	Capital (3)	85.8	90.4	4.37
122.8	64.4	Do Accum (3)	111.0	116.4	4.37
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (19)	81.6	..	..
125.6	75.4	3 Way Fnd (19)	94.2	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd. 1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 21541			
30.0	23.7	Capital Trust	29.0	30.0	2.10
30.0	23.8	Eastern Int	28.2	34.7	..
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 27007			
99.6	69.3	Europ'n Ster Tst	90.3	95.5	3.72

e Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. y Guernsey gross yield. z Previous day's price. g Ex all. d Dealings suspended. s Subdivided. t Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days.—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Shares firmer

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 22. Dealings End, Today. § Contango Day Oct 6. Settlement Day, Oct 14.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Red. Yield
98½	96¼	Exch. 6½% 1976	98½	+⅛	6.614	10.584
97¼	95	Treas. 9½% 1976	96⅝	+⅛	6.736	10.787
96½	93½	Treas. 10½% 1976	95⅝	+⅛	10.969	11.080
94½	84½	Treas. 6½% 1977	94⅝	+⅛	6.827	10.671
84½	82¼	Elec. 3½ 1974-77	83¾	..	3.223	9.167
100½	95½	Treas. 12½% 1977	100¾	..	11.415	11.062
94½	84½	Treas. 5½ 1977	87¾	..	3.450	9.338
228	93	NPV Rights	197	..	15.57	7.9
80	21	NPV 2nd	36	-3	8.7	7.6
80	13	Agricultural Bds	21	..	2.4	11.5
16	9½	Abbreviated Int	12	..	23.1	16.5
108½	46	Agricultural	106	..	5.7	5.7
25	15¾	Do A	20	+1	5.7	6.4
214	135	Addams Food	214	..	16	7.7
30	5	Addis Int	8	..	..	..
179	95	Advert. Group	115	-1	6.7	6.5
45	8	Aaron's & Gen.	13	..	1.5	7.5
118	85	Airfix Ind	116	..	4.3	3.6
28	18½	Do NV	25	..	4.3	3.6
33	22	Albright & W	32	..	5.4	5.7
98	65	Alcan 10½%	173½	..	1050	14.3
45	36	Do 9½ Cnv	38	..	900	13.8
109	43	Allen S. Balfour	45	..	3.5	11.1
45	15	Allen W. G.	17	..	1.8	10.5
74	37	Alliance Assurance	37½	..	1.8	9.7
180	95	Allied Colloids	95	..	4.9	5.2
45	36	Allied Insulators	36	..	1.8	11.3
109	43	Allied Plant	45	..	2.0h	8.0
84	15	Allied Polymer	18	..	0.6	9.9
228	93	Allied Retailers	93	..	5.8	8.4
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	8	..	1.3	..
158	132	Amal Metal	144	..	17.6	10.1
78	15	Amal Power	15	..	4.7	11.3
29	15	Amber Day	29	..	2.2	6.4
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	10	..	0.5	4.5
54	24	Anchor Chem	30	..	5.2	17.3
156	82	Anderson Strath	156	..	13.1h	8.7
228	93	Anglo Amer Ind	228	..	36.5	16.0
84	15	Anglo Swiss Hldgs	15	..	1.5	10.0
156	132	Anglo-Thai Corp	151	..	2.8	1.9
49	24	Anglovest	37	..	2.5	12.0
49	24	Appleyard	37	..	6.7	18.3
19½	9	Arcadia'num 'A'	19½	..	1.7	9.4
73	38	Arlington Mtr	65	..	10.4	15.4
104	27	Armitage Shanks	56	..	6.1	12.3
47½	22	Arnest Equip	45½	..	2.6	5.7
32	12	Asprey 4½% Pf	32	..	4.3	16.4
197	78	Ass Biscuit	197	..	24.7	12.5
68	21½	Do A	67	..	8.5	12.7
68	21	Ass Brit Food	68	..	8.5	12.7
68	21	Ass Engineer	68	..	2.4	3.7
68	21	Ass Fisheries	68	..	5.6s	8.5
68	21	Ass Leisure	68	..	..	..
156	82	Ass News	82	..	6.6	8.1
37	18	Ass Paper	37	..	4.0	12.1
270	82	Ass Port Cement	270	..	11.0	4.5
37	18	Ass Tel 'A'	37	..	5.7	7.6
68	21	Ass Tooling	68	..	6.0	12.6
37	12	Astbury & Meley	31	..	1.3	6.3
37	12	Atlas Stone	37	..	7.5	7.5
14	7	Attwood Garage	14	..	2.2	15.4
37	12	Auditronic	37	..	5.0	13.5
39½	13	Auth & Wiborg	39½	..	2.4	6.1
124	55	Aurora Hldgs	124	..	1.2h	10.7
47	16	Austin E.	47	..	4.5	20.9
36½	12	Automotive Pd	36½	..	2.3	7.6
73	37	Averys	73	..	6.7	6.5
121	28	Avon Rubber	78	..	3.9s	7.1
57	17	BEA Grp	54	..	3.9s	7.1
111	60	BICC	111	-1	10.2	9.2
145	54	BOC Int	145	+2	8.7h	7.6
131	54	BPB Ind	121	-2	9.6h	7.9
20	5	BPM Hldgs 'A'	20	..	3.7	18.5
13	4	BSG Int	13	..	..	15.1
185	71	BSR Ltd	182	-1	3.3	4.6
182	74	BTR Ltd	182	-1	10.0h	7.6
121	45	Babcock & W	118	+2	3.7h	3.4
20	5	Bacon (Geo.)	18	..	..	..
20	17	Baggeridge Brk	20	..	2.7	10.2
45	8	Bailey C. H. Ord	8½	..	0.3	3.1
28	9	Baird W.	14	..	11.8	15.7
150	45	Baker Perkins	140	-1	4.0	20.0
30	9	Bakergers	25½	+½	3.7	8.6
17	7	Barker & Dobson	8	..	1.3	10.1
356	132	Barlow Rand	215	-6	12.8	5.9
21	7	Barr & Wallace	12	..	1.2	10.0
41	7	Do A	41	..	4.2	10.5
116	84	Barratt Devs	106	..	11.5	10.9
44½	19½	Barrow Repbn	40	..	4.4h	11.1
38	16	Barton & Sons	23	..	2.8	11.0
58	19	Bassett G.	57	..	6.5	9.5
30	15	Bath & P'land	30	..	3.8	12.1
85	30	Baxter Ful.	85	..	5.1	5.9
17	7	Beales J.	13	..	3.2	13.4
92	50	Beatson Clark	92	..	5.8	12.5
11	5	Beauford Grp	8	..	2.5h	14.5
100	35	Beaverbrook	100	..	8.8	8.8
37	15	Do A	37	..	8.8	16.1
59	26	Bemrose A.	59	..	7.5	12.8
215	70	Bespham Grp	215	..	7.8	2.8
101	36	Bejam Grp	101	..	8.3	6.1
28	15	Bemrose Corp	28	..	2.6	10.4
17	7	Benn Bros.	17	..	2.1	17.5
158	54	Bennett Int	158	+1	6.2	3.4
177	91	Berisford's S. & W.	177	+1	3.1	1.7
257	95	Berisfords	257	..	3.0	10.2
111	45	Berwick Tim.	111	..	3.5	10.5
111	60	Bestobell	111	-2	11.3	9.9
78	33½	Best Bros	78	..	4.1s	5.8
56	23	Bibby J.	56	-2	7.7	13.7
45	16	Billam J.	45	..	4.5	10.1
56	16	Birmid Qualcst	47	..	5.5	11.7
56	16	Birm'ham Mint	46	..	5.5	12.0
90	34	Bishopsgate	90	..	3.0	3.4
132	90	Do A NV	87	..	3.0	3.5
54	24	Black & Edg'n	49	..	3.6	6.7
58	28	Blackmore & C.	58	..	2.3h	3.9
274	124	Blackwood Hodge	124	..	4.5h	3.7
18	11	Blackwood Mi	14	..	..	..
58	38	Blagden & N	58	..	5.4	8.5
34	24	Blundell Perm	34	..	3.4	10.0
38	15	Boardman K. O.	15	..	1.2	10.3
5½	2½	Bodycote	5½	..	1.0	18.5
9	7	Bolton Textile	9½	..	1.8	19.3
95	38	Bonas Webb	95	..	0.8	2.1
36	14	Bonser Eng	24	..	1.7	7.2
47	18	Booker McCon	44	+1	2.5	5.4
90	34	Boots	90	..	5.5	6.0
110	53	Boot H.	102	+2	9.7	9.5
128½	45	Boots	128	-1	8.5	6.6
17	7	Boulton W.	13½	..	1.5	11.3
178½	96	Bowater Corp	136	+1	10.9h	7.9
46	18	Bowthorpe Hldgs	39	..	3.8	9.7
46	18	Braby Leslie	44	..	4.4	9.9
70	48	Brady G.	57	..	8.0	14.0
60	29	Do A	57	..	8.0	14.0
39	22	Braham Miller	23	..	2.2	9.6
19	11	Brand Grp	18	..	1.7h	9.5
125	28	Braithwaite	83	..	9.5	12.0
85	37	Brammer H.	85	..	6.8	8.0
84	38	Brawnay	42	-1	3.3	7.8
37	12	Breamor	37	..	3.1	12.2
22	12	Brent Chem Int	22	..	2.6	2.1
59½	13½	Brent Walker	46	..	7.4	2.1
32	12	Brickhouse Dud	24	..	2.7	11.2
166	55	Bridon	121	..	8.5h	7.0
87	46	Brierley	87	..	6.5	7.5
17½	8	Brit Aluminium	17½	..	1.2	10.7
13	3½	Bristol Plant	7½	..	0.8	12.3
343	150	Brit Am Tob	297	+3	17.0	5.7
61	17½	Brit Car Auctn	30½	..	3.3	10.9
78	29	Brit Enkalon	43½	..	0.4	0.9
370	135	Brit Home Sts	348	-1	10.7	3.1
49	13	Brit Ind Hldgs	20	-1	2.1	10.5
53	28½	Brit Leyland	35	-3	..	..
43	14	Brit Mohair	19½	..	1.9	9.9
49	19½	Brit Printing	49	..	4.3	11.3
68	27	Brit Rollmakers	39½	..	3.5	12.4
72½	36½	Brit Sta Spec	68	..	7.1h	11.6
315	135	Brit Sugar	315	..	13.0h	4.1
31	13	Brit Tar Prod	30½	+½	2.1	6.8
68	35	Brit Vita	50	..	3.7	7.4
37	15	Britax Int	21	..	4.6	17.2
180	52	Brockhouse J.	136	-2	17.9	13.9
49	20	Brocks Grp	40	..	4.2	10.2
805	324	Brooke Hill	675	+5	37.2	5.6
68	26	Brook St. Bur	41	..	6.5h	15.8
51	22	Brooke Bond	36½	+½	3.5	9.8
25	9	Brooke Tool	11	..	..	..
58	26	Brotherhood P.	58	..	8.8	16.2
87	35	Brown & Tawse	87	..	3.1	5.5
68	29	Brown A.	68½	..	..	61.7
37	14	Brown Bros Cp	34	..	0.8	7.9
47	21	Brown J.	47	..	..	..
19	9	Brown N. Inv	19	..	3.9	13.8
68	29	Brooke Hldgs	68	..	12.5	9.0
18	8	Brunton	18	..	2.0	9.8
19	9	Bryant Hldgs	19	..	2.6	11.7
11	4½	Budge Bros	11	..	1.0h	15.4
29	15	Bullough Ltd	29	..	2.0h	11.2
19	10	Bulmer & Lumb	19	..	2.5	17.2
84	37	Bunzl Pulp	84	..	5.7	6.7
58	19	Burco Dean	58	..	4.3	8.1
78	14	Burgess Prod	78	..	4.9	17.6
24	11	Burmett R'shire	24	..	2.6	11.7
24	11	Do A NV	24	..	4.1	17.2
16	7	Burns And'son	16	..	1.8	11.4
150	55	Burrell & Co	150	..	8.5	5.7
57	18	Burt Boulton	57	+1	3.1	5.4
30	15	Burton Grp	30	..	6.8	15.8
43	15	Do A	43	..	4.8	15.8
24	9	Bury & Masco	20	..	5.9	19.8
4	1	Business Com	4	..	0.7h	17.8
38	9	Butterfield-Harvy	38	..	2.7	10.4

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	68	AAH	138	..	14.0h	10.2	5.8
103	22	Ab Electronic	46	..	6.2	13.7	9.0
45	36	AC Cars	36	..	1.4	3.8	15.8
109	43	AD Intl	93	-1	3.5	3.8	10.6
84	15	AGB Research	37	..	3.5	9.0	3.6
228	93	APV Hldgs	197	..	15.7	7.9	7.4
80	21	AVP Ind	36	-3	8.7	7.6	4.4
80	13	Aaronson Bros	21	..	2.4	3.8	10.5
16	9½	Abbeydale Ind	12	..	2.3	16.5	4.4
108½	46	Acrow	106	..	5.7	5.7	10.2
25	15¾	Do A	23	+1	5.7	6.4	9.8
214	135	Adams Food	214	..	16	7.7	2.8
30	5	Adda Int	8	..	..	..	..
179	95	Advert. Group	115	-1	6.7	6.5	5.5
45	8	Aaron's & Gen.	13	..	1.5	7.5	9.2
118	85	Airfix Ind	116	..	4.3	3.6	11.1
28	18½	Do NV	25	..	4.3	3.6	11.1
33	22	Albright & W	32	..	5.4	5.7	6.4
98	65	Alcan 10½%	173½	..	1050	14.3	..
45	36	Do 9½ Cnv	38	..	900	13.8	..
109	43	Allen S. Balfour	45	..	3.5	11.1	4.3
45	15	Allen W. G.	17	..	1.8	10.5	7.7
74	37	Alliance Assurance	37½	..	1.8	9.7	7.1
180	95	Allied Colloids	95	..	4.9	5.2	10.4
45	36	Allied Insulators	36	..	1.8	11.3	4.8
109	43	Allied Plant	45	..	2.0h	8.0	19.6
84	15	Allied Polymer	18	..	0.6	9.9	7.5
228	93	Allied Retailers	93	..	5.8	8.4	7.6
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	8	..	1.3	..	..
158	132	Amal Metal	144	..	17.6	10.1	2.8
78	15	Amal Power	15	..	4.7	11.3	4.5
29	15	Amber Day	29	..	2.2	6.4	4.8
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	10	..	0.5	4.5	4.0
54	24	Anchor Chem	30	..	5.2	17.3	5.7
156	82	Anderson Strath	156	..	13.1h	8.7	7.5
228	93	Anglo Amer Ind	228	..	36.5	16.0	6.3
84	15	Anglo Swiss Hldgs	15	..	1.5	10.0	4.1
156	132	Anglo-Thai Corp	151	..	2.8	1.9	..
49	24	Anglovest	37	..	2.5	12.0	10.7
49	24	Appleyard	37	..	6.7	18.3	5.4
19½	9	Arcadia'num 'A'	19½	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
73	38	Arlington Mtr	65	..	10.4	15.4	4.2
104	27	Armitage Shanks	56	..	6.1	12.3	10.8
47½	22	Arnest Equip	45½	..	2.6	5.7	8.8
32	12	Asprey 4½% Pf	32	..	4.3	16.4	..
197	78	Ass Biscuit	197	..	24.7	12.5	6.6
68	21½	Do A	67	..	8.5	12.7	6.4
68	21	Ass Brit Food	68	..	8.5	12.7	7.4
68	21	Ass Engineer	68	..	2.4	3.7	13.0
68	21	Ass Fisheries	68	..	5.6s	8.5	7.7
68	21	Ass Leisure	68	..	..	..	..
156	82	Ass News	82	..	6.6	8.1	7.7
37	18	Ass Paper	37	..	4.0	12.1	3.6
270	82	Ass Port Cement	270	..	11.0	4.5	14.4
37	18	Ass Tel 'A'	37	..	5.7	7.6	4.4
68	21	Ass Tooling	68	..	6.0	12.6	7.2
37	12	Astbury & Meley	31	..	1.3	6.3	4.4
37	12	Atlas Stone	37	..	7.5	7.5	8.9
14	7	Attwood Garage	14	..	2.2	15.4	10.8
37	12	Auditronic	37	..	5.0	13.5	8.8
39½	13	Auth & Wiborg	39½	..	2.4	6.1	5.5
124	55	Aurora Hldgs	124	..	1.2h	10.7	4.6
47	16	Austin E.	47	..	4.5	20.9	2.9
36½	12	Automotive Pd	36½	..	2.3	7.6	5.8
73	37	Averys	73	..	6.7	6.5	10.3
121	28	Avon Rubber	78	..	3.9s	7.1	7.5
57	17	BEA Grp	54	..	3.9s	7.1	7.5
111	60	BICC	111	-2	10.2	9.2	5.2
145	54	BOC Int	145	+2	8.7h	7.6	7.8
131	54	BPB Ind	121	-2	9.6h	7.9	6.2
20	5	BPM Hldgs 'A'	20	..	3.7	18.5	4.5
13	4	BSG Int	13	..	..	..	15.1
185	71	BSR Ltd	182	-1	3.3	4.6	6.2
182	74	BTR Ltd	182	-1	10.0h	7.6	9.8
121	45	Babcock & W	118	+2	3.7h	3.4	3.3
20	5	Bacon (Geo.)	18	..	..	..	..
20	17	Baggeridge Brk	20	..	2.7	10.2	6.9
45	8	Bailey C. H. Ord	8½	..	0.3	3.1	2.7
28	9	Baird W.	14	..	11.8	15.7	8.1
150	45	Baker Perkins	140	-1	4.0	20.0	12.5
30	9	Bakergers	25½	+½	3.7	8.6	5.8
17	7	Barker & Dobson	8	..	1.3	10.1	6.5
356	132	Barlow Rand	215	-6	12.8	5.9	6.2
21	7	Barr & Wallace	12	..	1.2	10.0	5.8
41	7	Do A	41	..	4.2	10.5	5.8
116	84	Barratt Devs	106	..	11.5	10.9	5.9
44½	19½	Barrow Repbn	40	..	4.4h	11.1	5.0
38	16	Barton & Sons	23	..	2.8	11.0	3.8
58	19	Bassett G.	57	..	6.5	9.5	10.0
30	15	Bath & P'land	30	..	3.8	12.1	9.0
85	30	Baxter Ful.	85	..	5.1	5.9	5.1
17	7	Beales J.	13	..	3.2	13.4	7.1
92	50	Beatson Clark	92	..	5.8	12.5	9.5
11	5	Beauford Grp	8	..	2.5h	14.5	9.5
100	35	Beaverbrook	100	..	8.8	8.8	..
37	15	Do A	37	..	8.8	16.1	5.6
59	26	Bemrose A.	59	..	7.5	12.8	8.4
215	70	Bespham Grp	215	..	7.8	2.8	12.4
101	36	Bejam Grp	101	..	8.3	6.1	14.3
28	15	Bemrose Corp	28	..	2.6	10.4	4.8
17	7	Benn Bros.	17	..	2.1	17.5	5.6
158	54	Bennett Int	158	+1	6.2	3.4	7.9
177	91	Berisford's S. & W.	177	+1	3.1	1.7	8.4
257	95	Berisfords	257	..	3.0	10.2	9.3
111	45	Berwick Tim.	111	..	3.5	10.5	5.8
111	60	Bestobell	111	-2	11.3	9.9	5.2
78	33½	Best Bros	78	..	4.1s	5.8	6.3
56	23	Bibby J.	56	-2	7.7	13.7	5.3
45	16	Billam J.	45	..	4.5	10.1	6.5
56	16	Birmid Qualcst	47	..	5.5	11.7	6.6
56	16	Birm'ham Mint	46	..	5.5	12.0	6.6
90	34	Bishopsgate	90	..	3.0	3.4	10.3
132	90	Do A NV	87	..	3.0	3.5	10.2
54	24	Black & Edg'n	49	..	3.6	6.7	6.7
58	28	Blackmore & C.	58	..	2.3h	3.9	6.7
274	124	Blackwood Hodge	124	..	4.5h	3.7	5.4
18	11	Blackwood Mi	14	..	..	..	..
58	38	Blagden & N	58	..	5.4	8.5	4.0
34	24	Blundell Perm	34	..	3.4	10.0	5.1
38	15	Boardman K. O.	15	..	1.2	10.3	3.1
5½	2½	Bodycote	5½	..	1.0	18.5	5.6
9	7	Bolton Textile	9½	..	1.8	19.3	3.1
95	38	Bonas Webb	95	..	0.8	2.1	..
36	14	Bonser Eng	24	..	1.7	7.2	8.5
47	18	Booker McCon	44	+1	2.5	5.4	6.4
90	34	Boots	90	..	5.5	6.0	10.6
110	53	Boot H.	102	+2	9.7	9.5	5.9
128½	45	Boots	128	-1	8.5	6.6	10.2
17	7	Boulton W.	13½	..	1.5	11.3	6.5
178½	96	Bowater Corp	136	+1	10.9h	7.9	7.4
46	18	Bowthorpe Hldgs	39	..	3.8	9.7	6.2
46	18	Braby Leslie	44	..	4.4	9.9	2.5
70	48	Brady G.	57	..	8.0	14.0	3.7
60	29	Do A	57	..	8.0	14.0	3.7
39	22	Braham Miller	23	..	2.2	9.6	5.1
19	11	Brand Grp	18	..	1.7h	9.5	6.0
125	28	Braithwaite	83	..	9.5	12.0	5.3
85	37	Brammer H.	85	..	6.8	8.0	5.3
84	38	Brawnay	42	-1	3.3	7.8	2.0
37	12	Breamor	37	..	3.1	12.2	4.4
22	12	Brent Chem Int	22	..	2.6	2.1	10.8
59½	13½	Brent Walker	46	..	7.4	2.1	15.3
32	12	Brickhouse Dud	24	..	2.7	11.2	5.5
166	55	Bridon	121	..	8.5h	7.0	5.5
87	46	Brierley	87	..	6.5	7.5	6.1
17½	8	Brit Aluminium	17½	..	1.2	10.7	5.8
13	3½	Bristol Plant	7½	..	0.8	12.3	17.0
343	150	Brit Am Tob	297	+3	17.0	5.7	6.3
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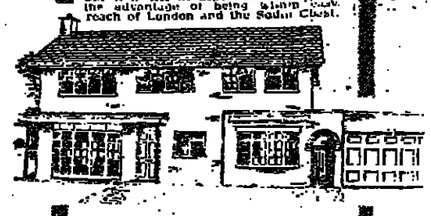

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Of course, if you are leaving for good it is a case of cutting ties, but for the person undertaking a period of secondment or a short-term appointment the major problem is arranging one's financial affairs so to make the homecoming as uncomplicated as possible.

In that context a major concern is the family home. If you intend to return to Britain you will need somewhere to live, so what do you do with your present home during your absence? You could sell up when you accept the overseas post, you could merely leave the house empty during your time abroad (and run the risk of squatters moving in within days of departure) or you could consider letting it.

For most people it is a question of whether to sell or let. Experience over the last five years (and in many cases over even shorter periods) has shown that many who sold up and jumped off the housing "ladder" have found that booming house prices and inflation have eroded their purchasing power. On their return to Britain some people have been unable to afford a house or flat of a standard similar to that which they owned before going abroad.

While house prices are unlikely to spiral at the rates of two years ago they are rising by some 1.5 per cent a month and inflation is still at the root of our economic malaise. So the seller has to invest his proceeds in a high risk investment to keep pace with the decreasing value of his money.

Even if you are able to find an investment that maintains the *real* value of your money, that does not mean easy purchase of a replacement home when you return. You may not be able to obtain a mortgage or find a suitable house in the area you require. At least your original house gives you somewhere to live while looking, and transferring an existing mortgage is often easier than arranging a completely new one.

Consequently the logical course for most people going abroad for a fixed period is to *consider* letting. However, there are obstacles. Your present mortgage deed may contain a clause which forbids letting. In such cases there is little option but to consult the building society concerned and abide by their decision.

You will also have to consider if there is a market for rented houses in your area. You might not be able to find a tenant. The nearer you are to a large commercial centre the better, mainly because the largest potential source of tenants are people in a similar position to yourself; people on a short term contract in Britain or those who have been sent by their employer to a different part of the country for a couple of years.

The easiest way of finding a tenant is to put your property in the hands of an agent, usually an estate agent. He should not only find you a tenant but also guide you through the various pitfalls of becoming a landlord.

For instance, he will make sure you are leaving enough household goods to have the letting classed as "furnished". Unfurnished tenants have more rights under the rent acts and so a "furnished" let is important to the owner-occupier who wants to repossess his house on his return, subject of course, to the terms of the lease he grants.

The cost of employing a manager varies. Most estate agents charge about 10 per cent of the first year's rent, decreasing to 7.5 per cent thereafter. If this seems expensive, remember the agent does manage the property while you are away, and if he fails to find you a tenant the service costs you nothing.

Before you consult an agent, you should take some basic decisions, such as the minimum figure you are willing to accept as an annual rent to make the venture worthwhile after outgoings. In today's market landlords are getting a reasonable return on their investments if they *gross* 10 per cent annually on the capital value of the property, ie, if your house is worth £20,000 you could hope to command a rent of about £40 per week.

When determining rent you must ask yourself what objective you are trying to achieve; whether you are trying to maximize your income from the property, or whether you are letting it as a means of protecting your investment against inflation and to which you intend returning. Setting the rent as high as possible is often unwise in the latter case. A high rent may make it difficult to let the house for the whole of your period overseas and the tenant may not feel he has much of an incentive to take reasonable care of the house to ensure being granted a new lease. That is one of the advantages of granting annual tenancy; you can remove unsuitable tenants.

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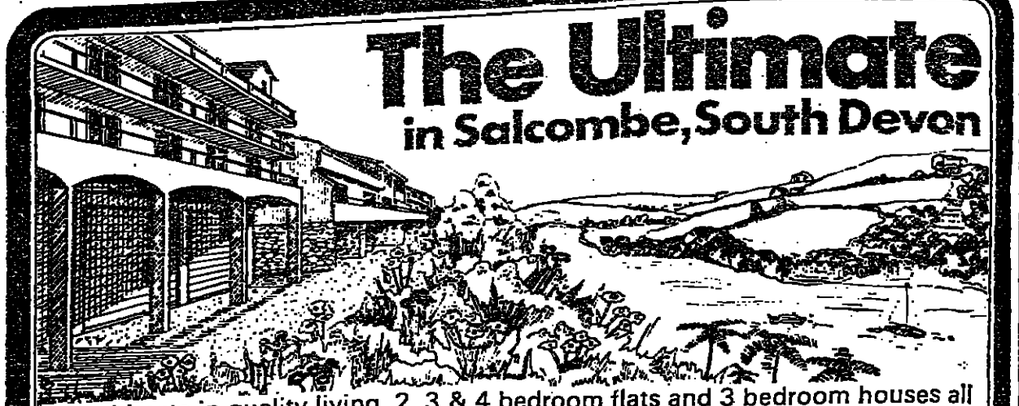

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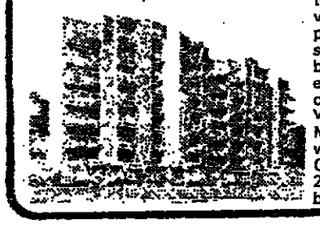

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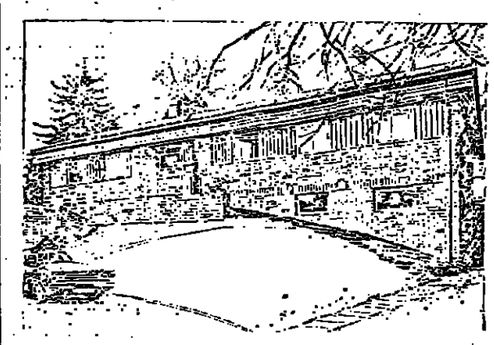

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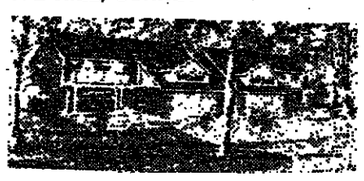

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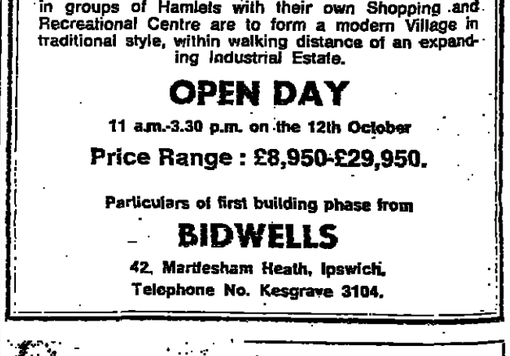

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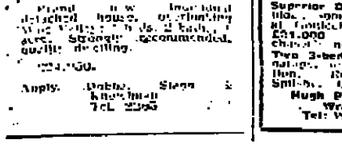

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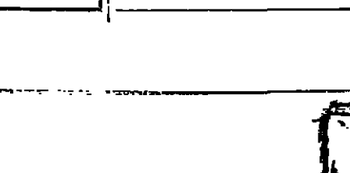

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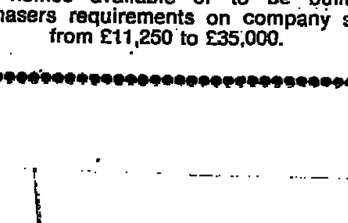

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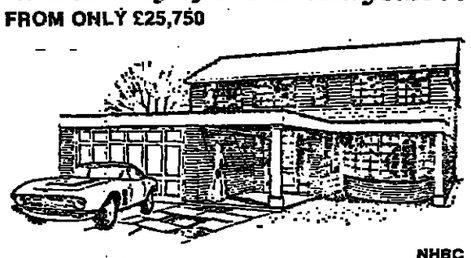

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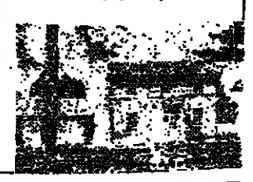

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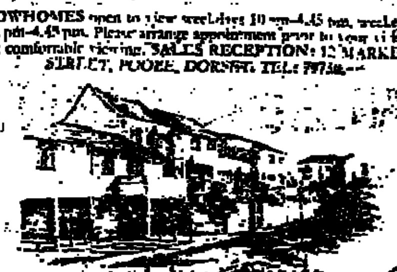

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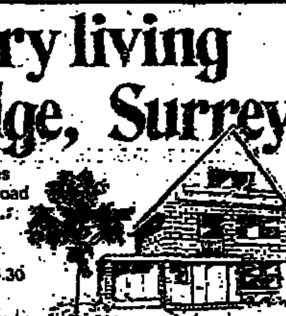

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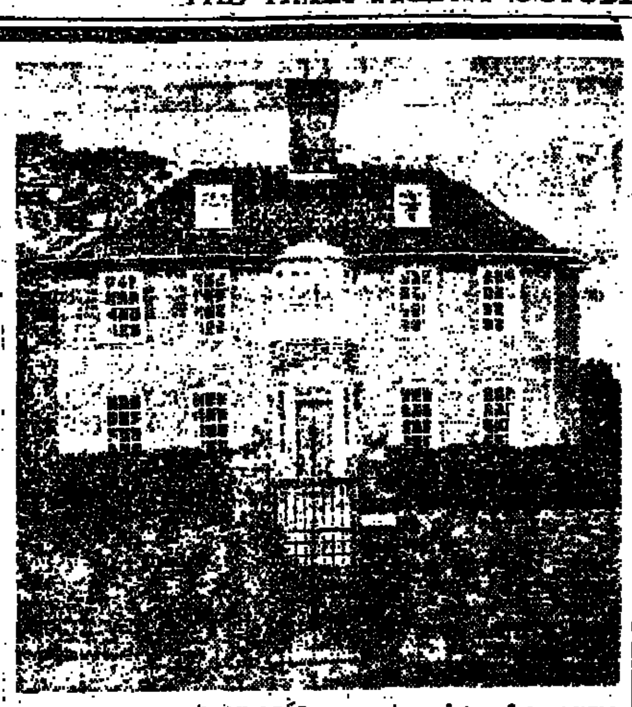

Lindfield Place, Lindfield, Sussex: A variety of accommodation for £70,000.

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This sort of opportunity is presented by The Old Rectory, at Cockayne Hatley, near Potton, on the borders of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Built in the nineteenth century by the Cockayne family, whose arms appear over the door, the building has been converted into two entirely separate parts, each with two reception rooms, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom. There are two entrances and two staircases, plus a garden, of two acres. Some renovation is necessary, and offers over £30,000 for the whole property are being asked through Savills, of London. It would also need relatively little alteration for reinstatement as a single house.

More the traditional kind of conversion is Little Orchard, at Ewshott, near Farnham, Surrey. It dates from the seventeenth century and was at one time the school house. As with other conversions of this kind, the house is spacious and has an interesting layout. The main sitting room has a high, vaulted ceiling and a gallery which is large enough to be used as a study. Downstairs, too, is a dining room and a main bedroom, dressing room and bathroom suite. Upstairs there are four further bedrooms. The garden, which is to the front and side of the house, runs to about a third of an acre. The price is £29,950, through Pearsons, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Down in the New Forest, Jack Hargreaves, the television personality, is selling his property, Monkshorn Farmhouse, at East Boldre. The house is a restored fifteenth-century brick and tile forest cottage overlooking Beaulieu Heath. It has a combined farmhouse kitchen and dining room, sitting room, study and an internal workshop which would convert into a further reception room. There are three bedrooms. A paddock and garden extend to some three-quarters of an acre and include a barn. Offers close to £36,500 are being asked through Jackson and Jackson, of Lymington.

A variety of accommodation is offered by Lindfield Place, at Lindfield, Sussex, a Queen Anne house with a grade II listing as being of special architectural and historic interest. It has three reception rooms, a study and six main bedrooms, but part of the accommodation forms a self-contained annexe with its own entrance. In addition there is a coach house with two bedrooms and a living room. Grounds, which include a swimming pool, run to about 1½ acres. The property is for sale at £70,000 through John D. Wood and Co, of Horsham.

For those who like unusual architectural features an interesting property is Condover Court, not far from Shrewsbury. Listed as being a building of special architectural and historic interest, it is believed to date in part from the fifteenth century, although enlarged in the nineteenth. Its main feature is the unusually massive form of cruck construction used in the old part, particularly noticeable in the main bedroom. There are four reception rooms, a breakfast room, five bedrooms and four bathrooms, including two suites. Grounds are about 12 acres. The price is about £75,000, through Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Chester.

Very much in the Cotswold manner is Temple Close, at Sibford Gower, near Banbury, an old stone-built country house which has been restored and modernized, retaining such features as some good timbering and exposed stonework. It has three main reception rooms, a study or playroom, a studio or music room with a spiral staircase to a gallery, and seven bedrooms. About three and a half acres of grounds go with the property for which offers over £75,000 are being asked through Edwards, Bigwood and Bewlay, of Banbury.

Later this month the remaining portions of the Parwich Estate, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, are to be auctioned by John German Hughes and Wilbraham, of Eccleshall. The sale will be either as a whole, in which case a price in the region of £150,000 is expected for the 193-acre property, or in 10 lots. If the sale is lotted Parwich Hall, an eight-bedroom house built in the eighteenth century on the site of an Elizabethan manor will be offered with a cottage and eight acres and is expected to make about £60,000. Other lots will include a four-bedroom seventeenth century house, two cottages and various parcels of land and farm buildings.

Greenhill Farm, at Fernhurst, West Sussex, has been bought by Mr Michael Pearson, Lord Cowdray's heir, for his own occupation. It has been the home for many years of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Warren. The present house was partly rebuilt in 1939 using many of the materials from an older house and has four reception rooms, seven bedrooms and a staff cottage with three bedrooms. The land amounts to about 21 acres. It is believed that a figure close to the £90,000 being asked was realized.

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Taking a fresh view of worker absenteeism

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But no doubt the adjudicators appreciated that despite the increased respect with which secure employment is regarded by most employees, the problem of chronic absenteeism is still the cause of one of modern management's biggest headaches.

And although the study carried out by Mr Colm O'Muircheartaigh, concentrates exclusively on the Irish labour force its conclusions incorporate some radical and perhaps universally important suggestions.

The survey, sponsored by the Irish Productivity Centre, found that some 13 days per worker per year were lost through absence of one kind or another—a figure which is by no means excessive in international comparison.

Its more detailed findings almost certainly have direct international parallels. For example, Mr O'Muircheartaigh found that the number of man days lost per worker employed rose steadily with the size of the organization—from 7.5 days for small firms to 17 days for large organizations.

State industry was also seen to have higher rates than private industry and workers on basic time rates were prone to take more days off than those on piece rates.

It was also found that strike-prone firms had significantly higher absence rates than the norm, a finding which led the author to suggest that at least some of the underlying causes are the same for both problems.

Another interesting finding was that the highest absence rates were found in firms in which the workers themselves bore the entire cost of the sickness benefits scheme themselves—a clear pointer to the economic sense of the non-contributory scheme where employees do not directly foot the bill.

The survey also threw up the unsurprising evidence that a very high proportion of absences (38 per cent) began on Mondays. But the compiler suggests that the usual interpretation of this statistic—that it indicates an unwillingness on the part of the employee to return to work after a festive weekend—may not always be the fair one.

Consider the alternative—the lower rate of absence later in the week suggests that the worker is committed to his firm. If he does not feel well towards the end of the week he prefers to struggle into work on Friday and give himself the weekend to overcome his illness.

Both interpretations can be supported by the evidence, showing at least, the author claims, that the "conventional negative attitude" towards the worker is not the only view to be taken.

In fact Mr Muircheartaigh is able to put forward a promising case for the defence of the worker after a thorough appraisal of attitudes on the shop-floor.

He claims that "there is prevalent in industry an outmoded view that the only justification for absence from work on the part of the shop-floor worker is the production of a certificate from a medical doctor.

"This is obviously not a reasonable view of life. On the contrary some illness may be the result of personal irresponsibility—excessive drinking, carousing or whatever—and some other absences may be the result of responsible behaviour."

And aiming a sharp barb at more reactionary management attitudes he suggests: "It should not be beyond the ingenuity of mankind to draw up a set of circumstances under which absence from work is justified—rather than 'excused'—leading to a resolution of both problems and an increase in good will."

He also suggests that some part of the worker's annual holidays should be treated more flexibly and should be available for use as the occasion arises. "This is typically the way in which management and administration workers treat their own holiday allowance in any case", he adds pointedly.

Prolonging the campaigning note, Mr Muircheartaigh claims: "If an individual wants a medical certificate for a short absence he can usually obtain it . . . and it will be acceptable to most employers. There is evidence to suggest that self-certification for short absences does not lead to an increase in absence rates."

Most managers are indeed aware of another of the survey's findings—that job involvement and satisfaction are crucial factors in improving attendance records.

One of the most revealing findings of his early fieldwork, the author claims, was the very low proportion of firms which kept records of absence in a form which facilitated the assessment of an individual's absence record, or of a department's absence record, or even of the firm's absence record.

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Richard Allen

Absenteeism in Irish Industry, Published by the Irish Productivity Centre.

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Broadcasting

Friday night, no longer music night, has an abundance of comedy. The best is still Dad's Army (BBC1 8.0), but there is also limp-wristed Larry Grayson (ITV 8.30), Fawlty Towers (BBC2 9.0) with John Cleese, The Liver Birds (BBC1 8.30) and Who Do You Do? (ITV 7.0) which is definitely showing signs of old age. The Wild West Show (BBC2 10.20) is an excellent series of six plays about rugger by Colin Welland. The Money Programme (BBC2 8.15) considers oil, and Leap in the Dark (BBC2 9.35) examines extrasensory perception. Sports fans can sample the Dunlop Masters Golf Tournament (ITV 12.30) or Pot Black (BBC2 7.50).—T.S.

BBC 1

10.45-11.00 am, You and Me. **12.30 pm**, Mynd A'r Gan. **12.55**, News. **1.00**, Pebble Mill. **1.45-2.00**, Chigley. **4.00**, Play School. **4.25**, Boris the Bold. **4.35**, Jackanory. **4.50**, Felix the Cat.* **5.00**, Blue Peter Special Assignment. **5.40**, The Wombles.

- **5.45** News. **6.00**, Nationwide.
- **7.05** Tom and Jerry.
- **7.10** The Invisible Man with David McCallum.
- **8.00** Dad's Army. **8.30** The Liver Birds.
- **9.00** News.
- **9.25** Quiller.
- **10.20** Tonight.
- **10.50** Film 75.
- **11.20** Weather.
- **11.22** Film: Suspected Person with Christopher George, Elizabeth Ashley, Howard Duff, Norman Fell.
- **12.32** Weather.

* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): **BBC WALES.**—12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters Closedown. 6.00-7.05, Wales Today. Nationwide. 7.10-7.30, Heddiw. 7.30-8.00, Mynd A'r Gan. 10.50-11.20, The Lost Wilderness. Anglesey, Mother of Wales. 11.21-11.22, News of Wales. **SCOTLAND.**—12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters Closedown. 1.45-2.00, Lion A Llwyd. 6.00-7.05, Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 8.00-8.30, Take Five. 10.50-11.20, Scope. 11.21-11.22, Scottish News Summary. **NORTHERN IRELAND.**—12.30-12.55 pm, Transmitters Closedown. 6.00-7.05, Scene Around Six. Nationwide. 10.50-11.20, Will It Ever be the Same Again? 11.21-11.22, Northern Ireland News. **ENGLAND.**—10.50-11.20 pm, North. In Search of the City. North East. The Landau Lads. North West. The Northern Myth, football discussion. Midlands. Countrywide. West. Last Flight to Nowhere. South West. Ye Mariners All. South. In a Man's World. 3: Baroness Sharp. East. On Camera.

Westward

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Westward News Headlines. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, The Protectors. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Westward Diary. **6.35**, ATV. **7.00**, Treasure Hunt. **7.30**, London. **10.32**, Westward News. **10.35**, Late with Danton. **10.50**, Film: Call Me Bwana, with Bob Hope, Anita Ekberg, Edie Adams. **12.30 am**, Faith for Life.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Calendar News. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Hogan's Heroes. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Calendar. **6.35**, ATV. **7.00**, Not on Your Nellie. **7.30**, Thames. **10.30**, The Avengers. **11.25-11.55**, Golf Highlights.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Ulster News Headlines. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, UTV Reports. **6.25**, Police Six. **6.35**, ATV. **7.00**, Chopper One. **7.30**, London. **10.30**, The White Line. **11.00**, ATV. **11.30-12.25 am**, Police Story.

BBC 2

6.40, Open University. Computing. **7.05**, Reading Development. **7.30-7.55**, The Role of Government. **9.30**, Labour Party Conference. **11.00**, Play School. **11.25-12.40**, Labour Party Conference. **5.25**, Open University. *Reciprocating Engines*. **5.50**, Open Forum. **6.15**, Circadian Rhythms. **6.40-7.05**, Neural Modelling.

- **7.30** Newsday.
- **7.50** Pot Black: John Spencer and Eddie Charlton.
- **8.15** Money Programme: The Second Gold Rush: Alaska—America's uncertain energy future.
- **9.00** Fawlty Towers.
- **9.35** Leap in the Dark: The Battle for Miss Beauchamp.
- **10.20** The Wild West Show: Play by Colin Welland: Mad Mick.
- **11.10** News.
- **11.25-11.30** Jill Balcon reads Rouen, by Marguerite Wood.

Border

12.10 pm, Thames. **1.50**, Border News. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, The Rovers. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Border News. **6.35**, ATV. **7.00**, Not on Your Nellie. **7.30**, London. **10.30**, Film: The Oblong Box, with Vincent Price, Christopher Lee. **12.10 am**, Golf Highlights. **12.40**, Border News Summary.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Grampian News Headlines. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Fantastic Voyage. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Grampian Today. **6.35**, ATV. **8.30**, London. **10.30**, Points North. **11.15**, Anna and the King. **11.45**, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. **6.00 pm**, North-east News. **6.05**, Division. **6.35**, ATV. **7.00**, Not on Your Nellie. **7.30**, London. **10.30**, Sportstime. **11.00**, ATV. **12.35 am**, Epilogue.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Anglia News. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Rygones. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, About Anglia. **6.35**, ATV. **8.30**, London. **10.30**, Probe Special. **11.00**, ATV. **11.30**, Men Who Matter.

HTV

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, West Headlines. **1.55**, Wales Headlines. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Orbit 5. **5.25**, Crossroads. **5.50**, News. **6.01**, Report West. **6.18**, Report Wales. **6.35**, General Hospital. **7.35**, Larry Grayson. **8.00**, Hawaii Five-O. **9.00**, London. **10.30**, Free Time. **11.00**, ATV. **11.30**, The Collaborators. **12.25 am**, Weather. **HTV CYMRU/WALES.**—As HTV except: **1.50-1.55 pm**, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. **4.20-4.50**, Siwsion Cantamil. **6.01-6.18**, Y Dydd. **10.30-11.00**, Outlook. **HTV WEST.**—As HTV except: **1.50-2.00 pm**, West Headlines. **6.18-6.35**, Report West.

Thames

12.00, A Handful of Songs. **12.10 pm**, Mr Trimble. **12.30**, Dunlop Masters Golf Tournament. **1.00**, News and Labour Party Conference. **1.50**, Lunchtime Today. **2.00**, Golf. **4.20**, Pop Quest. **4.50**, Magpie. **5.20**, The Flintstones.

- **5.50** News. **6.00**, Today: London in Crisis.
- **6.35** Crossroads.
- **7.00** Who Do You Do?
- **7.30** General Hospital.
- **8.30** Larry Grayson.
- **9.00** Beryl's Lot.
- **10.00** News.
- **10.30** Police Five.
- **10.40** Russell Harty.
- **11.30** Police Woman.
- **12.20 am** The Strawbs.

Granada

12.00, Thames. **1.50**, This is Your Right. **2.00**, Thames. **5.15**, Chuckleheads.* **5.20**, Crossroads. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Granada Reports. **6.35**, General Hospital. **7.35**, Space 1999. **8.30**, London. **10.30**, Kick off. **11.00**, ATV. **11.30-1.30**, Film: James Garner and Kim Novak in Boys' Night Out.

ATV

12.00, Thames. **1.50**, ATV News. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Supersonic. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, ATV Today. **6.35**, Crossroads. **7.00**, General Hospital. **8.00**, A Joke's a Joke. **8.30**, London. **10.30**, Extra Time. **11.00**, Golf Highlights. **11.30**, Film: Night Train to Paris, with *Leslie Nielsen, Aliza Gur.**

Southern

12.00, Thames. **1.50**, Southern News. **4.20**, Thames. **5.20**, Weekend. **5.25**, Crossroads. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Day by Day. Scene South East. **6.30**, And Mother Makes Five. **7.00**, Out of Town. **7.30**, London. **10.30**, Streets of San Francisco. **11.30**, Southern News. **11.40**, Doris Day Show. **12.05 am**, Golf Highlights. **12.35**, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. **1.50 pm**, Road Report. **2.00**, Thames. **5.20**, Babar. **5.25**, Crossroads. **5.50**, News. **6.00**, Scotland Today. **6.30**, Rusband of the Year. **7.00**, Ways and Means. **7.30**, London. **10.30**, Two's Company. **11.00**, ATV. **11.30**, Late Call.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† **7.00**, Noel Edmonds. **9.00**, Tony Blackburn. **12.00**, Johnnie Walker. **2.02 pm**, David Hamilton.† **4.30**, Rosko's Round Table. **5.45**, Newsbeat. **6.02**, Sam Costa.† **7.02**, Just for Fun. **7.30**, John Fox.† **8.30**, As You Were.† **9.02**, Music Night.† **10.02**, Take Your Partners.† **11.00**, John Peel.† **12.00-12.05 am**, News. † Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. **7.02**, Terry Wogan (8.27, Racing bulletin). **9.02**, Pete Murray (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). **11.30**, Jimmy Young.† **2.02**, Radio 1. **4.30**, Waggoners' Walk. **4.45**, Sports Desk. **4.48**, Sam Costa.† **6.45**, Sports Desk. **7.00**, Radio 1. **11.05-12.00**, Len Jackson (1,500m only).

3

7.00 am, News. **7.05**, J. S. Bach, J. C. F. Bach.† **8.00**, News. **8.05**, Bax, Sullivan.† **9.00**, News. **9.05**, Saint-Saens.† **9.55**, Alirio Diaz, Guitar: *Bach, arr Segovia, Turina, Granados, arr Azpiazu*.† **10.35**, Hanns Eisler Songs. **11.10**, Violin Recital: Ysaye, Bach, Brahms.† **12.15 pm**, Concert, part 1: Prokofiev, Berkeley.† **1.00**, News. **1.05**, Playbill.† **1.20**, Concert, part 3: Schubert.† **2.25**, Yeovil Concert, part 1: Mozart, Milton Babbitt.† **2.55**, Words, Kenneth Tynan. **3.00**, Concert, part 2: Birtwistle, Elliott Carter, Bernard Rands, Mozart.† **3.55**, Orchestral Concert: Delius, Martin Dalby, Berwald.† **5.25**, Pied Piper.† **5.45**, Homeward Bound. **6.05**, News. **6.10**, Homeward Bound (continued). **6.30**, It's Catching. **7.00**, Special Report. **7.10**, Reading for Pleasure. **7.30**, Music in Question with Antony Hopkins.† **8.00**, Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius. **9.50**, The Sea Wolf, portrait of Thomas Cochrane. **10.45**, Dance Music for Two Pianos: Jean Francaix, Virgil Thomson, Richard Rodney Bennett.† **11.25-11.30**, News.

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6.20 am, News. **6.22**, Farming. **6.40**, Prayer. **6.45**, Today. **7.00**, News. **7.27**, Sportsdesk. **7.35**, Today's Papers. **7.45**, Thought for the Day. **7.50**, Weather. **8.00**, News. **8.27**, Sportsdesk. **8.35**, Today's Papers. **8.45**, The Flag Wagger. **9.00**, News. **9.05**, Voice of the People: 021-433 5432. **10.00**, News. **10.05**, Checkpoint. **10.30**, Service. **10.45**, Story. **11.00**, News. **11.05**, Icarus with an Outcan. **11.50**, A Choice of Letters. **12.00**, News. **12.02 pm**, You and Yours. **12.27**, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? The Old Magic. **12.55**, Weather.

1.00, The World at One. **1.30**, The Archers. **1.45**, Woman's Hour. **2.45**, Listen with Mother. **3.00**, News. **3.05**, Play: The View from the Mountain. **4.00**, News. **4.05**, Any Answers? **4.35**, Story Time: The Gates. **5.00**, PM Reports. **5.55**, Weather.

6.00, News. **6.15**, Forces' Chance. **6.45**, The Archers. **7.00**, News Desk. **7.30**, Pick of the Week. **8.30**, Any Questions? **9.15**, Letter from America. **9.30**, Kaleidoscope. **9.59**, Weather. **10.00**, The World Tonight. **10.45**, A Book at Bedtime: Thunder on Sunday. **11.00**, The Financial World Tonight. **11.15**, Week Ending. **11.40**, News. **12.01-12.04 am**, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BRABAZON.—On Sept. 27th in Dublin to Gay and David—a son.

CURRAN.—On October 1st at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Jane (nee Stewart) and Leo—a daughter (Alexandra Frances Mary), a sister for Patrick.

DARK.—On 1st October, at Malton, to Gill (nee Hudson) and Michael—a daughter.

GRANT.—On 1st October, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's Hospital, to Diana and Charles—a beautiful daughter (Natasha Catherine Louise).

KEMPSON.—On 24th September, 1975, to Margaret (nee Mason) and Tony Kempson—a daughter (Caroline Susan Elizabeth).

KINSELLA-BEVAN.—On October 1, 1975, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, to Kitty and Richard—a son (Desmond Bloomfield Gardner).

MASSERICK.—On October 1st, at North Middlesex Hospital, to Diana (nee Norris) and Francis—a daughter (Anna).

MITCHELL.—On 2nd October, 1975, at The University College Hospital, to Gill and Ron—a daughter (Catherine Anne).

SLEE.—On October 1 in Cambridge to Colin and Edith Slee—a daughter.

WINDHAM-WRIGHT.—On September 17th in Nairobi, to Susan (nee Scott) and Michael—a son. P.O. Box 42127, Nairobi.

YOUNG.—On October 2nd, to Aurelia and George—a daughter.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On 29th September, 1975, Louisa Adams, of 10 West Tower, Pinner, passed away peacefully at Harefield Hospital.

ANCELL.—On October 2nd, 1975, Adeline, at Wisteria Cottage, Sonning, Berkshire, in her 92nd year. Family friend and nanny to the Kay family since 1911. Flowers and funeral service at Chevening Parish Church, Chevening, Kent at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th.

ANDERSON, William A., Sqn. Ldr. R.A.F. Reid., 10 September, in San Diego, California, following a long illness. Son of Gp. Capt. and Mrs. D. F. Anderson, of Camden, Maine.

BAKER WILBRAHAM.—On 2nd October, peacefully in Congleton Hospital after a short illness, Betty Ann Baker Wilbraham, C.B.E., dearly loved wife of Randle. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations if desired to the British Red Cross (Cheshire Branch) at 20 Boxton Road, Knutsford, Cheshire. Memorial service at Astbury Church, near Congleton. Details later.

BIRD.—On 30th September, 1975, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie, widow of Paul Bird and mother of Rodney and Richard, after a long illness, courageously borne, formerly of Compton and Guildford. Funeral on Monday, October 6th, at 2.30 p.m. at Compton Parish Church. Flowers to Pimm's Funerals, Guildford, or donations to St. Christopher's Hospice, Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ.

BREZINA.—On 30th September, 1975, tragically, at his home in Edinburgh, Dr Vladimir Brezina. Funeral private.

DEATHS

BROWN.—On September 30th, 1975, in Tunbridge Wells, Walter, aged 65 years, beloved husband of Sonia, father of John, Amy and Alexander, passed away peacefully. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Monday, 6th October, at 10 a.m. No flowers by request.

BURROW, ALFRED VINCENT, aged 78, on October 1st at his home 45 Hillmorton Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands (late of Ewell, Surrey), dear brother of Winnie, Nora, Marjorie and Wallace. Cremation, Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Tuesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m.

DETERDING.—On October 1st, Henry, suddenly at home, Newnham Grounds, Daventry, aged 78, most beloved husband of Winnie and much loved father of John, Diana, Betty and Richard. Cremation private. Memorial service at Newnham church, on Monday, October 6th, 12 noon.

GRUNDY.—On October 2nd, peacefully, in Leatherhead Hospital, Leslie George, of Willow Green, The Warren, Ashtead, Surrey, beloved husband of Gladys and father of Gillian and Nigel. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday, October 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to: L. Hawkins & Sons Ltd. Leatherhead 73153.

HARVEY.—On October 1st, 1975, peacefully in her sleep, at the Old House, Westcott, Evelyn May, aged 85 years, wife of the late Edgar C. Harvey. Funeral Leatherhead Crematorium, Wednesday, October 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Cut flowers to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HUCK.—On October 1st, 1975, Captain Frank Graham (Budge) Huck, T.D., of Preston Place, Cirencester, passed peacefully away. Beloved husband of Frances and dear father of Janet, Marilyn and David. Youngest son of Elsie and the late Frank James Huck. Cremation family only. Memorial service, Monday, October 6th, 2.30 p.m. at Cirencester Parish Church. No flowers please, but donations in his memory if desired to Preston Village Church.

JACKSON.—On October 1st, 1975, suddenly, Edward Donaldson Jackson, aged 75 years, of Bellister Castle, Haltwhistle, Northumberland, beloved husband of Freda and father of Faith. Private cremation, family flowers only.

JUBBER.—On September 24th, 1975, suddenly but peacefully at home, 39 Carleton Rise, Welwyn, Herts, Henry Langridge, aged 85 years, retired engineer, E.E.B., beloved husband of Kitty and dearly loved father of Sylvia and Michael. Requiem at Holy Family Church, Welwyn Garden City on Tuesday, October 7th at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Welwyn Cemetery. No flowers. If desired, donations to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, c.o. the Manager, Barclays Bank Ltd., Welwyn, Herts. Enquiries to Geo. W. Blow & Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors, Welwyn 4575.

KERENSKY.—On October 1st, 1975, peacefully, at her home in Southport, Olga, aged 90 years, dearly loved mother of Oleg and Gleb and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral ... No flowers, please.

KITCHING.—On September 30th, peacefully at his home, The Grange, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, Noel, husband of the late Gladys and much loved father of Alan, Nigel, David, Alistair and Christopher. Service at Christ Church, Great Ayton, on Friday, 3rd October, at 2.15 p.m. and afterwards at the Crematorium, Middlesbrough.

LANG.—On October 1st, Harold, husband of Mary, dear father of Simon, Sue, Sandy and Bill. No flowers, by request.

NEILSON.—On October 2nd, George Edward, of Warrenside, Frensham, much loved husband and stepfather. Funeral service, St Mary's Church, Frensham, Monday, October 6th at 11 a.m.

NESBITT-DUFORT.—On Sept. 30, at home, Wing Commander John Nesbitt-Dufort, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre, R.A.F. (retd.), beloved husband of Nan. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

PAPWORTH.—On October 1st, 1975, peacefully at home in his 80th year, Gerald O. Papworth (formerly of Martins Bank), dearly beloved husband of Nancy and dear father of Peter and Julian. Service in Blundell Sand United Reform Church, on Monday, October 6th, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Age Concern (Liverpool and Crosby) or Masonic Charities.

PRIESTLEY.—On October 2nd, 1975, Minnie Margaret, aged 91, at Hobart, Tasmania, late of Malvern, Worcs., wife of the late A. W. Priestley.

RIDEHALGH.—On October 1st, 1975, peacefully at Boarbank Nursing Home, Allithwaite, Ethel, widow of William Smith Ridehalgh, of Broughton Lodge, Cartmel, Cumbria, beloved mother of the late George and of Marjorie and Mary. Funeral at Staveley-in-Cartmel, Monday, 6th October at 2.30 p.m. No letters, please.

ROBINSON.—On October 1, suddenly, Dorothy Myra, formerly Headmistress of Harrow County Girls' School from 1942-1967.

ROSS.—On October 1st, 1975, very suddenly in hospital at Folkestone, Alexander Charles Ross, aged 69 years, of 8 Christ Church Road, Folkestone, dearly loved husband of Jean (nee Gillies), father of Neil, Mary and Alexander and a much loved grandfather. Funeral service Hawkinge Crematorium, on Tuesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to the National Children's Home, Highbury Park, London, N.5. Will be acknowledged.

SHIRLEY.—On October 1st, 1975, at home, Arthur Shirley, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.A. (Cantab.), M.D. (Lausanne). Funeral private. No letters, please.

SINGLETON.—On October 2nd, in his ... year, Francis Singleton, of 33 Ermine Street, Thundridge, Ware, Herts. Funeral service on Wednesday, 8th October, 11.30, Thundridge Church, followed by private cremation.

SWEENEY.—On September 30th, 1976, Jessica, beloved wife of G. J. Sweeney, O.B.E., F.R.I.C.S., of Orpington, Kent, and late of H.M.L.R.

THOMPSON (JAN).—On 1st October, suddenly, John Wade Thompson, of 19 Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge, formerly of Harrow, loving husband, father, and grandfather. Funeral service Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, 2.15 p.m., Wednesday, 8th October, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

TEW.—On September 29th, 1975, suddenly, John Edward Herbert, aged 71 years, of Bournemouth, Beaulieu, Hants. Husband of Helen and father of Donald, Ian, Edward, Malcolm and James. Funeral service, Monday, October 6th, 3 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Church, Stoke Fleming, near Dartmouth, Devon, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers may be sent direct to the church, or to Derric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Boscombe, Bournemouth (0202-34511) by 9 a.m., next Monday.

TRELAWNY.—On September 30th, 1975, at her home St Martin, Helston, Cornwall, Barbara Cecil, aged 88 years, widow of Clarence Walter Carr (Captain, R.N. Retired).

WESTERVELT.—On September 30th, 1975, in hospital, Naomi, of 5a Greenhill, N.W.3. Survived by Caroline and Edwyn and four grandchildren and sister Clair. No flowers, by request, but donations if desired, to Leukaemia Research, Royal Marsden Hospital.

FUNERALS

ADLER, HAROLD, of 117 Hamilton Terrace, London, N.W.8. Funeral at Golders Green Jewish Cemetery, Hoop Lane, N.W.11, on Tuesday, 7th October, 1975, at 11.30 a.m. Memorial service at West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, at 6.30 p.m., same day.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEADINGTON.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Kenneth Headington, M.C., will be held in the parish church, White Waltham, Berkshire, at 12 noon, on Saturday, 11th October, 1975.

HEPWORTH.—A memorial service for Dame Barbara Hepworth, D.B.E., will be held at St. Paul's, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, October 7th, at noon.

HODGE.—The Memorial Service for Sir William Hodge will be held in Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday the 18th October at 2.30 p.m.

LE BEAU.—A memorial service for Mr. O. Le Beau, formerly Headmaster of The John Lyon School, Harrow, will be held on Friday, 10th October, at 7 p.m., in St. Mary's, Harrow.

VAUGHAN - WILLIAMS. — A memorial service for the late Commander Hugh Vaughan-Williams, R.N., will be held at St. James's, Piccadilly, at noon on 8th October.

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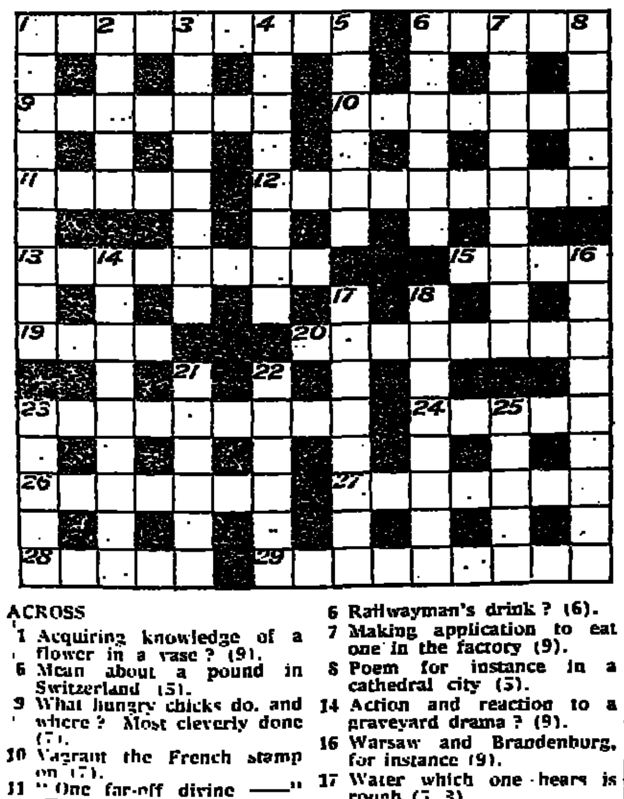
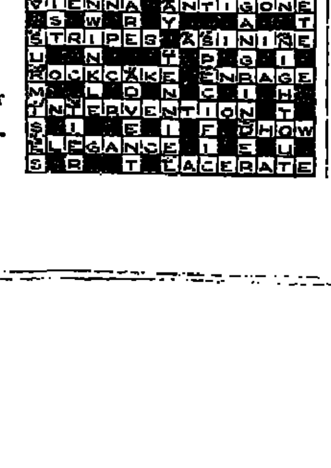


ACROSS
1 Acquiring knowledge of a flower in a vase? (9).
6 Mean about a pound in Switzerland (5).
9 What hungry chicks do, and where? Most cleverly done (7).
10 Vagrant the French stamp on (7).
11 " One far-off divine ——" (Tennyson) (5).
12 Maybe only a rude song (9).
13 Unfriendly, backing small car against 15 perhaps (8).
15 Special turn, partly secular (4).
19 Place, in a sense, say (4).
20 Thackeray's doctor on the South Coast (8).
23 Gets through by means of protein food, with points (9).
24 Close formation in support (5).
26 20, say, of 34 in the turbulent Nene (7).
27 Something medicinal in place of drink (7).
28 Yachtsmen in race meeting (5).
29 Fish wrapped in *The Times* for youngsters (9).

DOWN
1 Eyes Christmas fare (5, 4).
2 Notes on fish (5).
3 A kind of blue eel, for instance? (8).
4 What a break for theatre-goers! (8).
5 Publish or scram (3, 3).
6 Railwayman's drink? (6).
7 Making application to eat one in the factory (9).
8 Poem for instance in a cathedral city (5).
14 Action and reaction to a graveyard drama? (9).
16 Warsaw and Brandenburg, for instance (9).
17 Water which one hears is rough (5, 3).
18 Spurs he will shortly get in China (3-5).
21 Wear for the little Jacobite gentleman (6).
22 Mean as a bee? (6).
23 A fold by the quiet mill-channel (5).
25 The second man round Beachy Head in this cruiser (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,114



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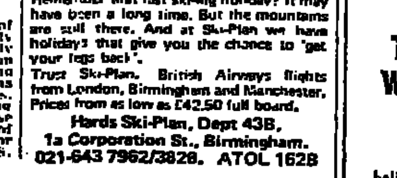

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